

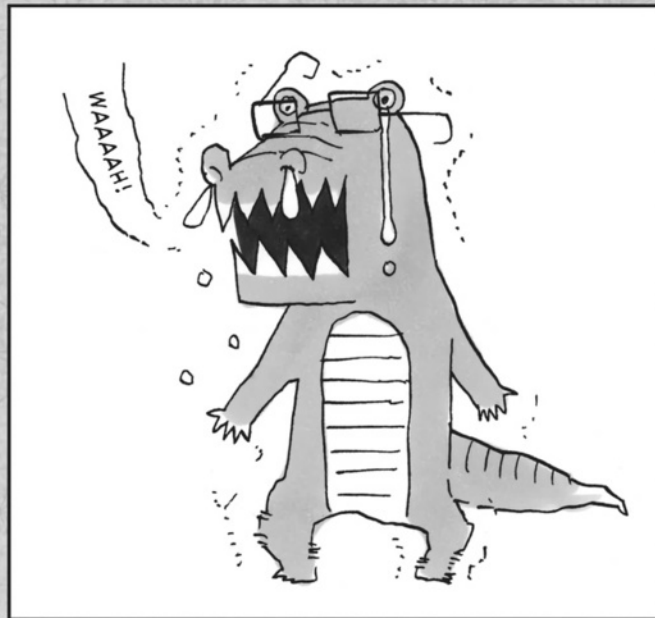
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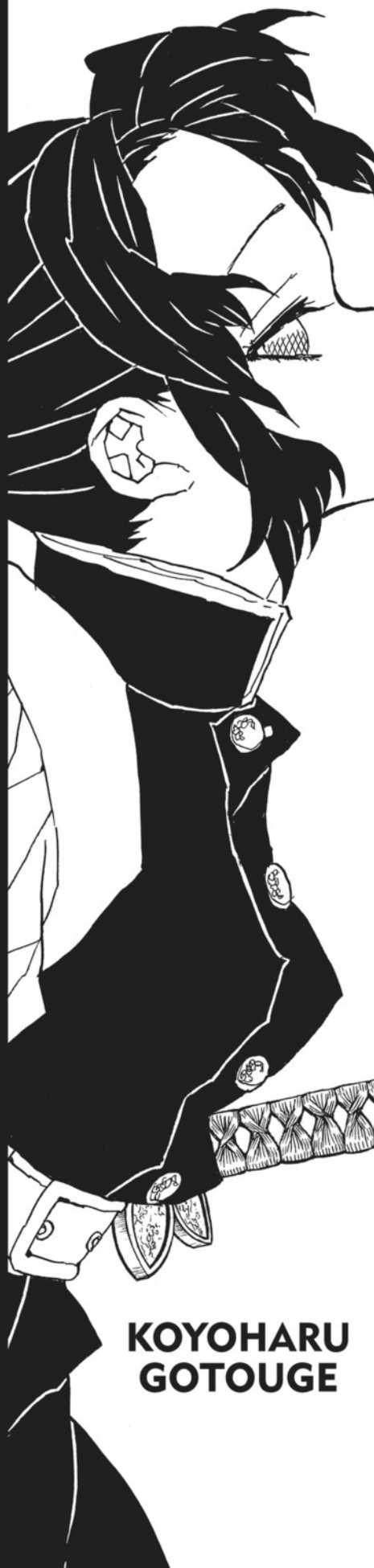
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TO HELL



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CHARACTERS

TANJIRO
KAMADO



A kind boy who saved his sister when the rest of his family was killed. Now he seeks revenge. He can smell the scent of demons and his opponents' weaknesses.

SAKONJI
UROKOPAKI



A trainer in the Demon Slayer Corps and Tanjiro's master.

ZENITSU
AGATSUMA



He participated in the Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He's usually cowardly, but when he falls asleep, his true power comes out.

INOSUKE
HASHIBIRA



He participated in the Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He wears the pelt of a wild boar and is very belligerent.

NEZUKO
KAMADO



Tanjiro's younger sister. When she was attacked by a demon, she in turn was turned into a demon, but unlike other demons, she tries to protect Tanjiro.

MUZAN
KIBUTSUJI



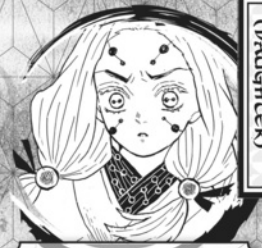
The one who turned Nezuko into a demon. He is Tanjiro's enemy and hides his nature in order to live amongst human beings.

SPIDER
DEMON



Obsessed with the idea of having a family, he uses fear to bind minions to him and calls them his family.

SPIDER DEMON
(DAUGHTER)



She despises the family. Instead of fighting the Demon Slayer Corps herself, she sends in her father.

SPIDER DEMON
(FATHER)



Has a large body and possesses incredible power. He acts on orders from his daughter and son.

STORY

In Taisho-Era Japan, young Tanjiro makes a living selling charcoal. One day, demons kill his family and turn his younger sister Nezuko into a demon. Tanjiro and Nezuko set out to find a way to return Nezuko to human form and defeat Kibutsuji, the demon who killed their family!

Tanjiro reluctantly teams up with two other Demon Slayers—the cowardly Zenitsu Agatsuma and the hotheaded Inosuke Hashibara—and they head for Mt. Natagumo to investigate the disappearance of many people in the area. After defeating a bizarre group of demons who call themselves a family, the monster they call Father attacks Tanjiro and Inosuke!

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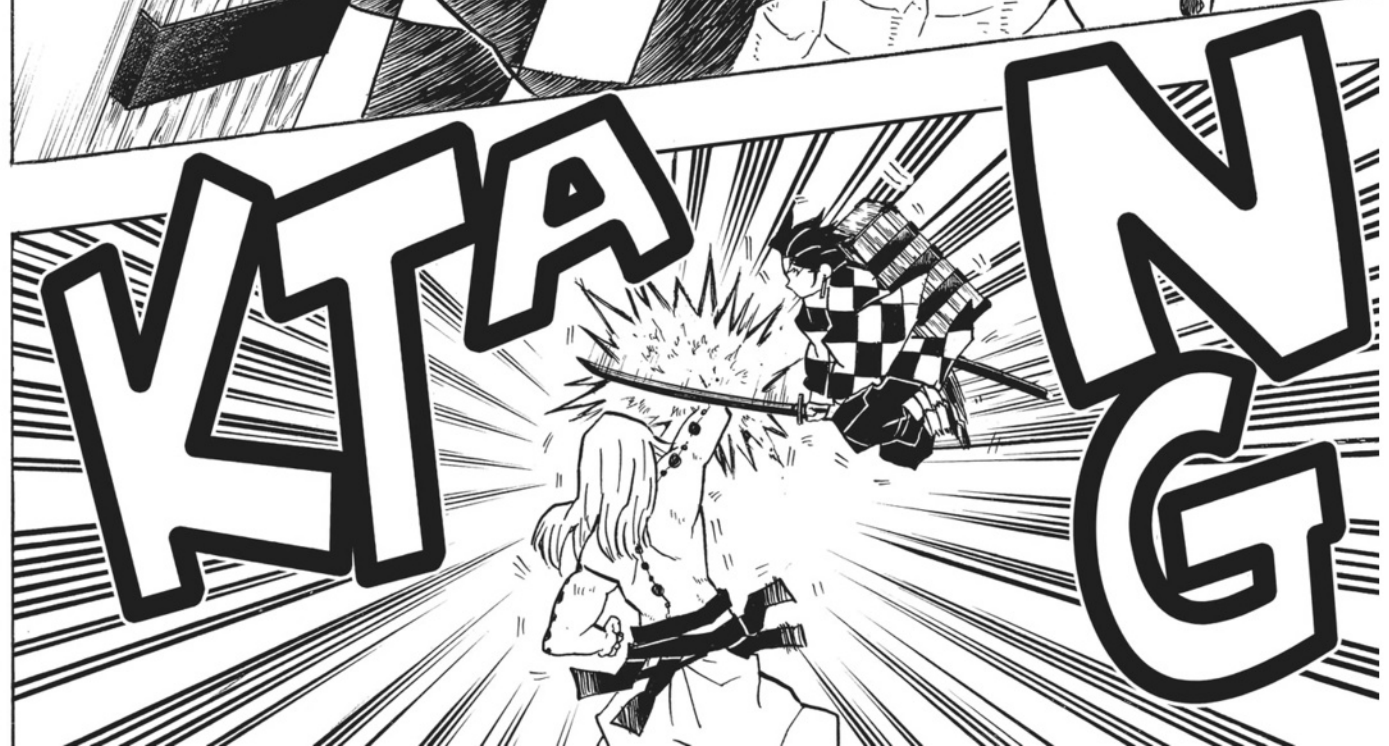
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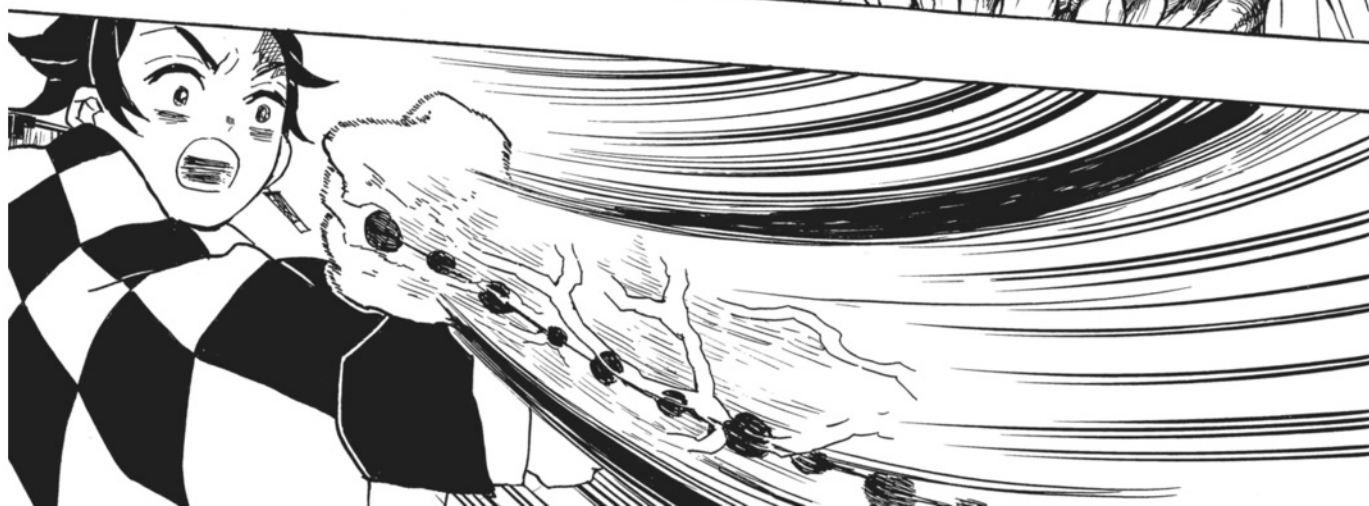


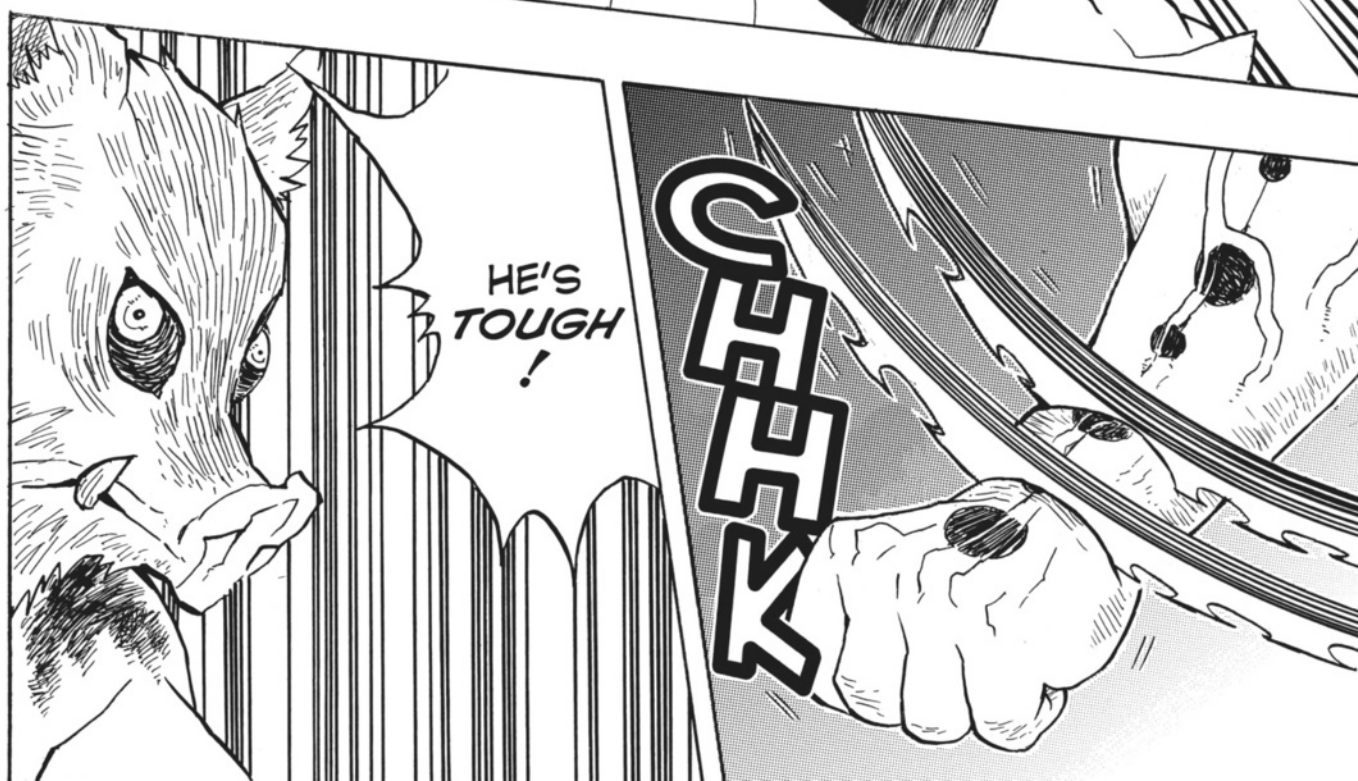
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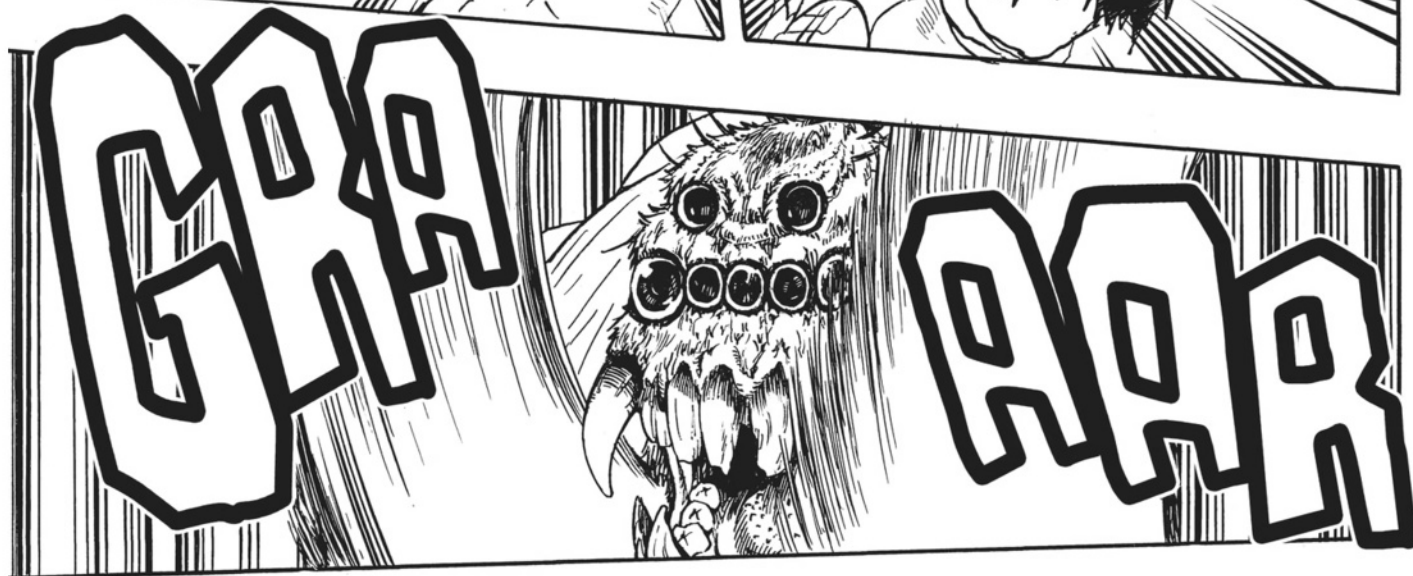
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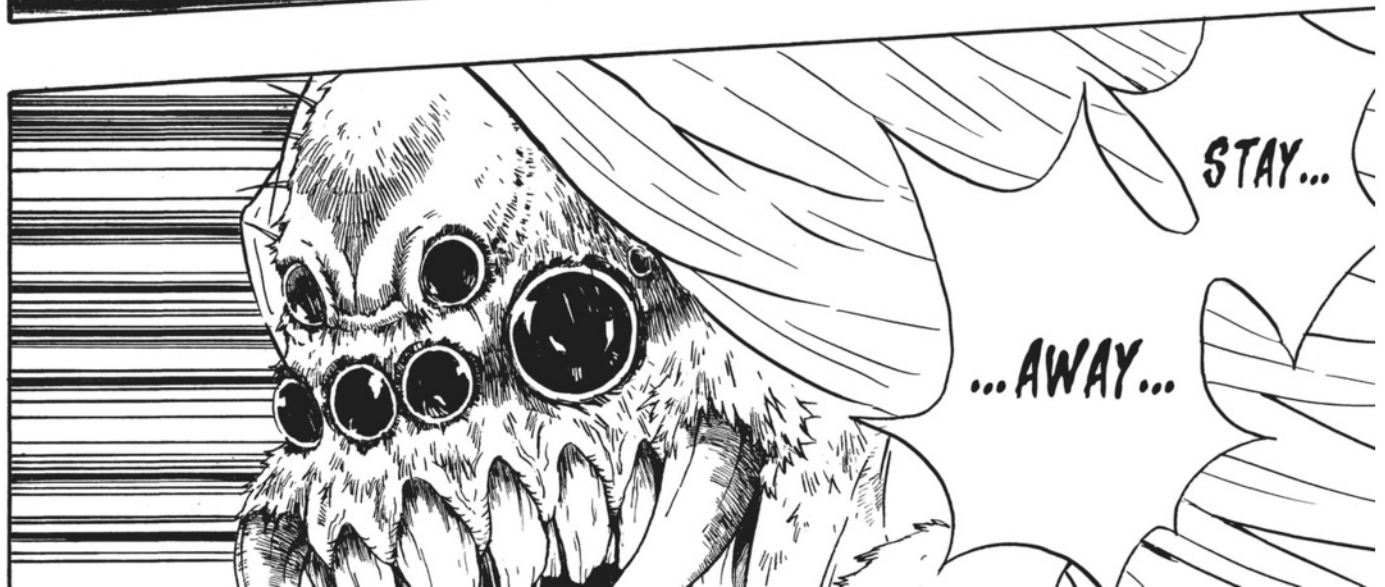












SP

...FROM
MY
FAMILY!

SH

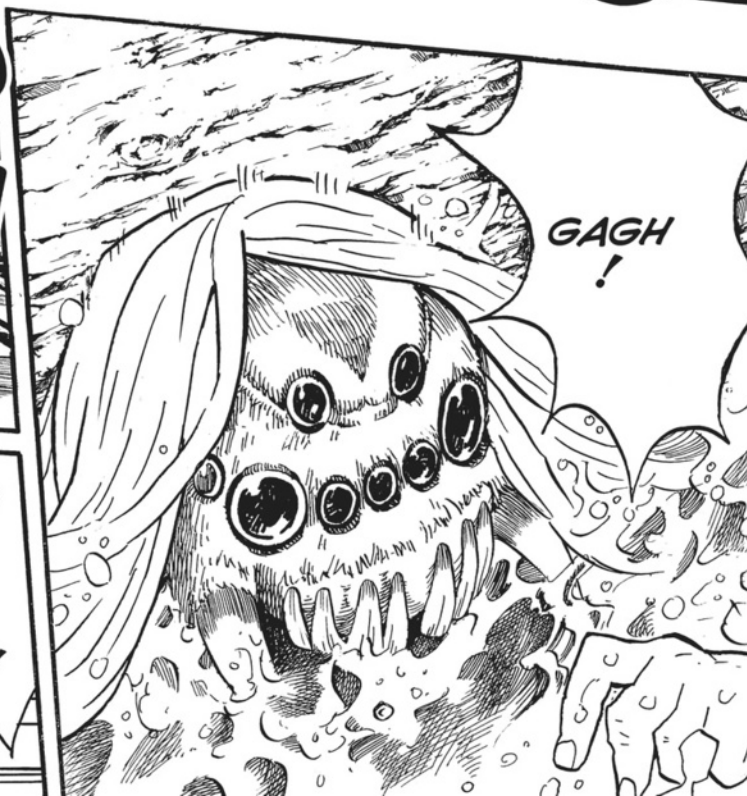


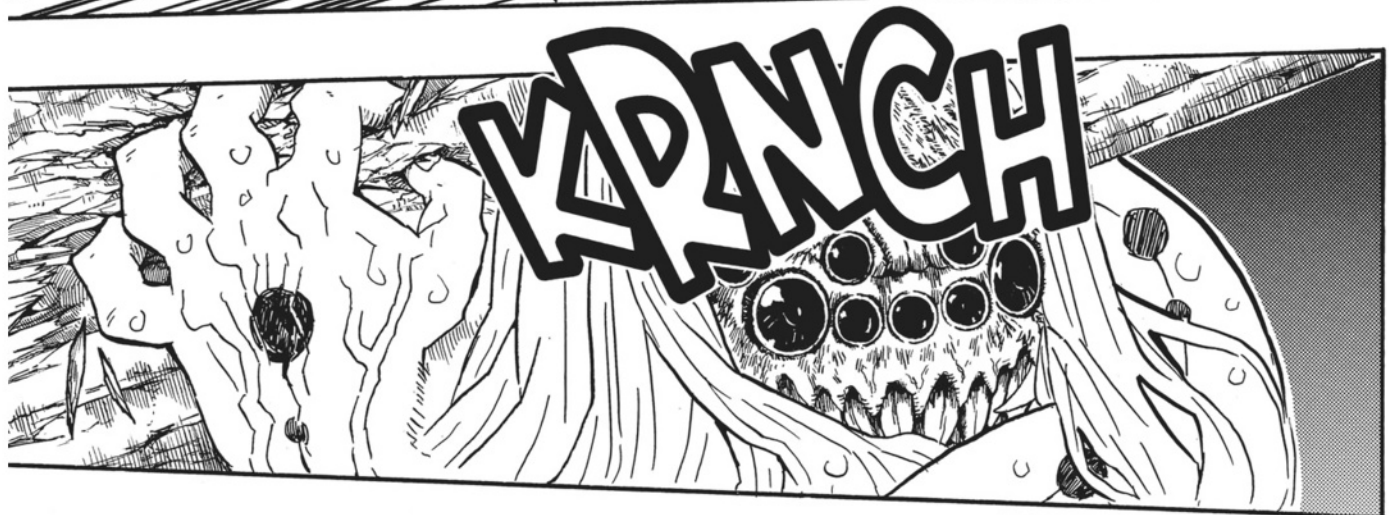
GYAAAH!



GLAARE











BUT IT
DIDN'T
LESSEN
THE
IMPACT!

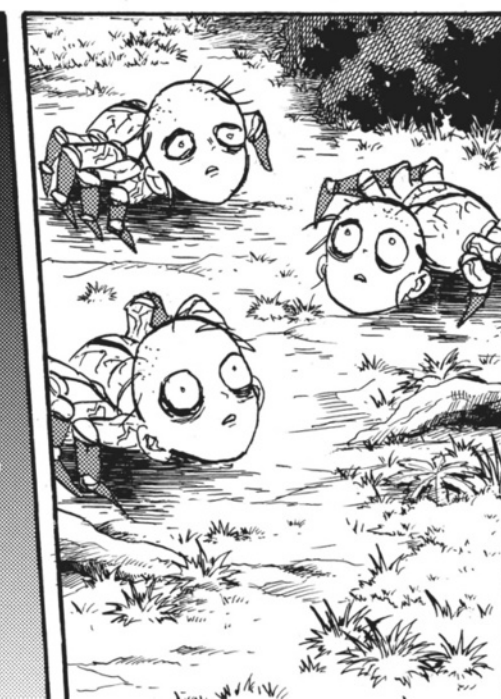
I ABSORBED
THE BLOW
WITH THE HILT
OF MY KATANA,
SOFTENING
THE SHOCK TO
MY BODY...

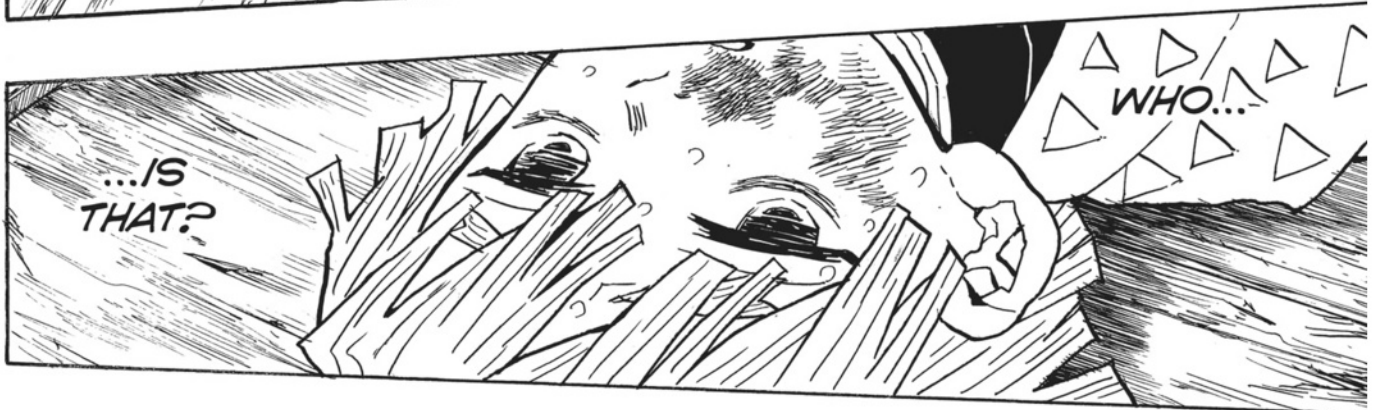


KENTAROOO!



WHEEEZ

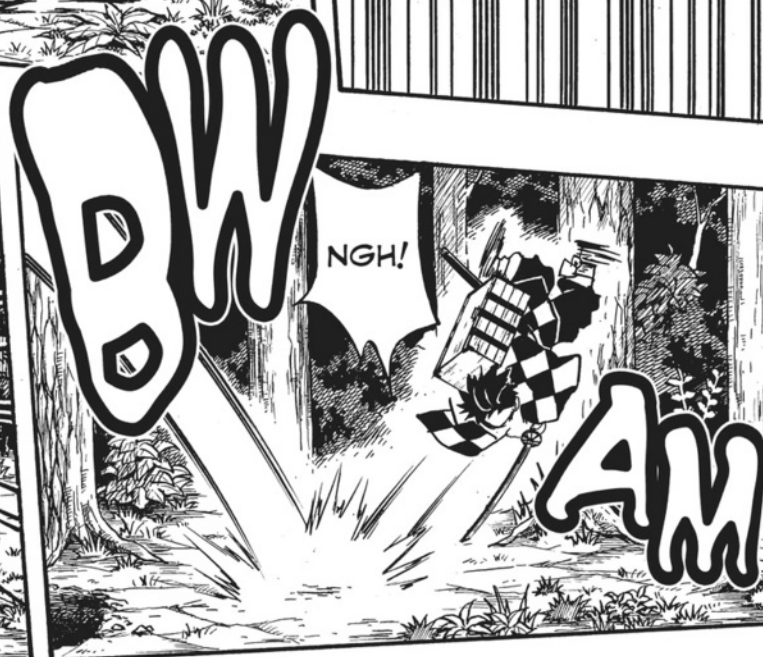
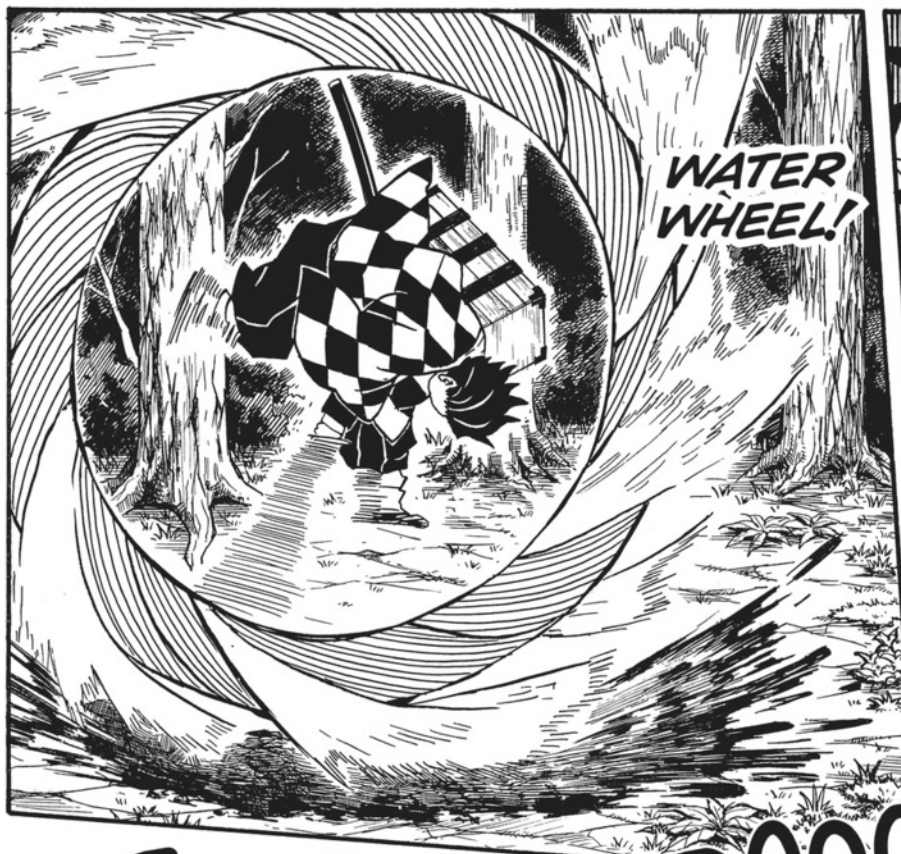


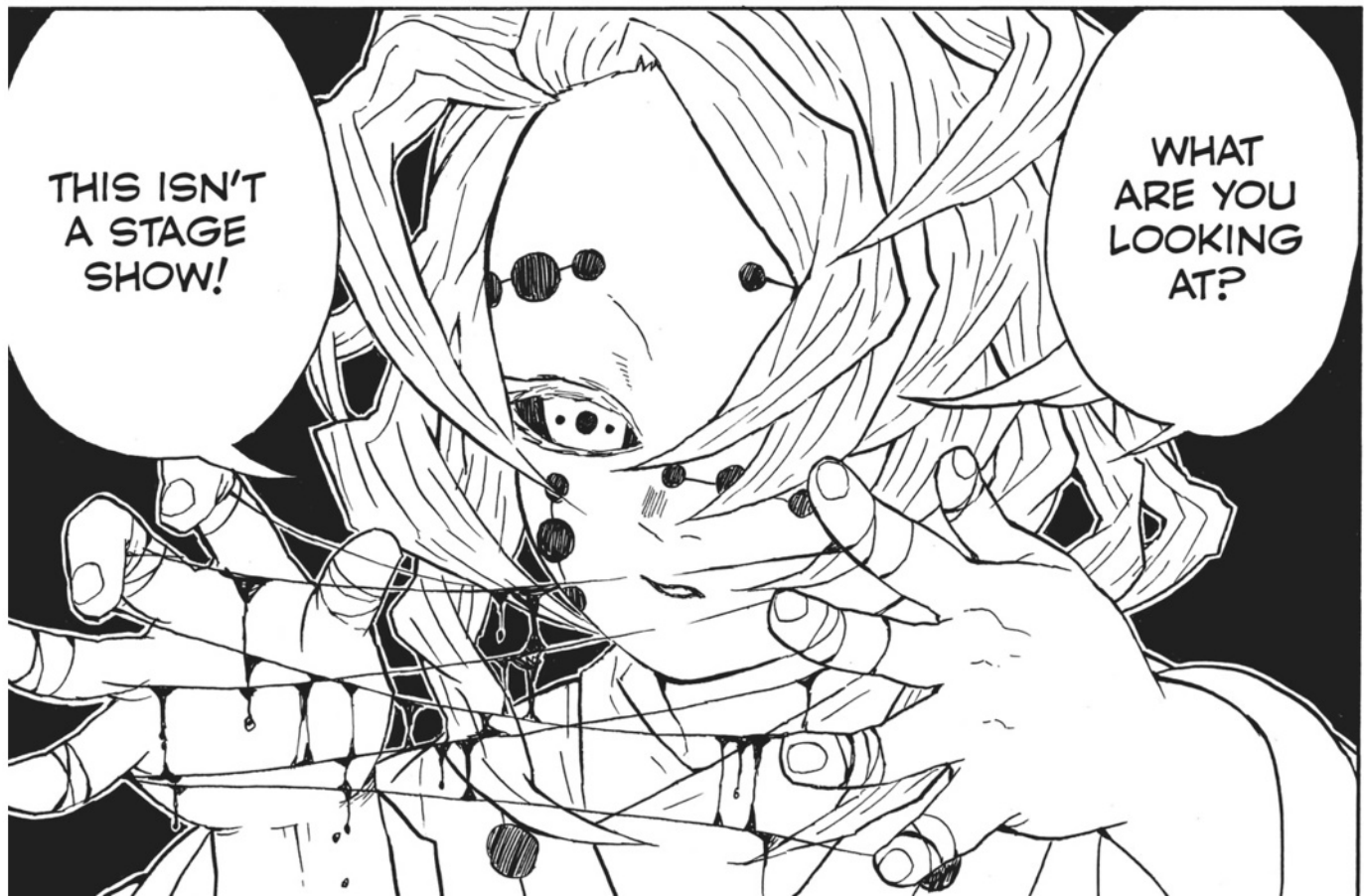




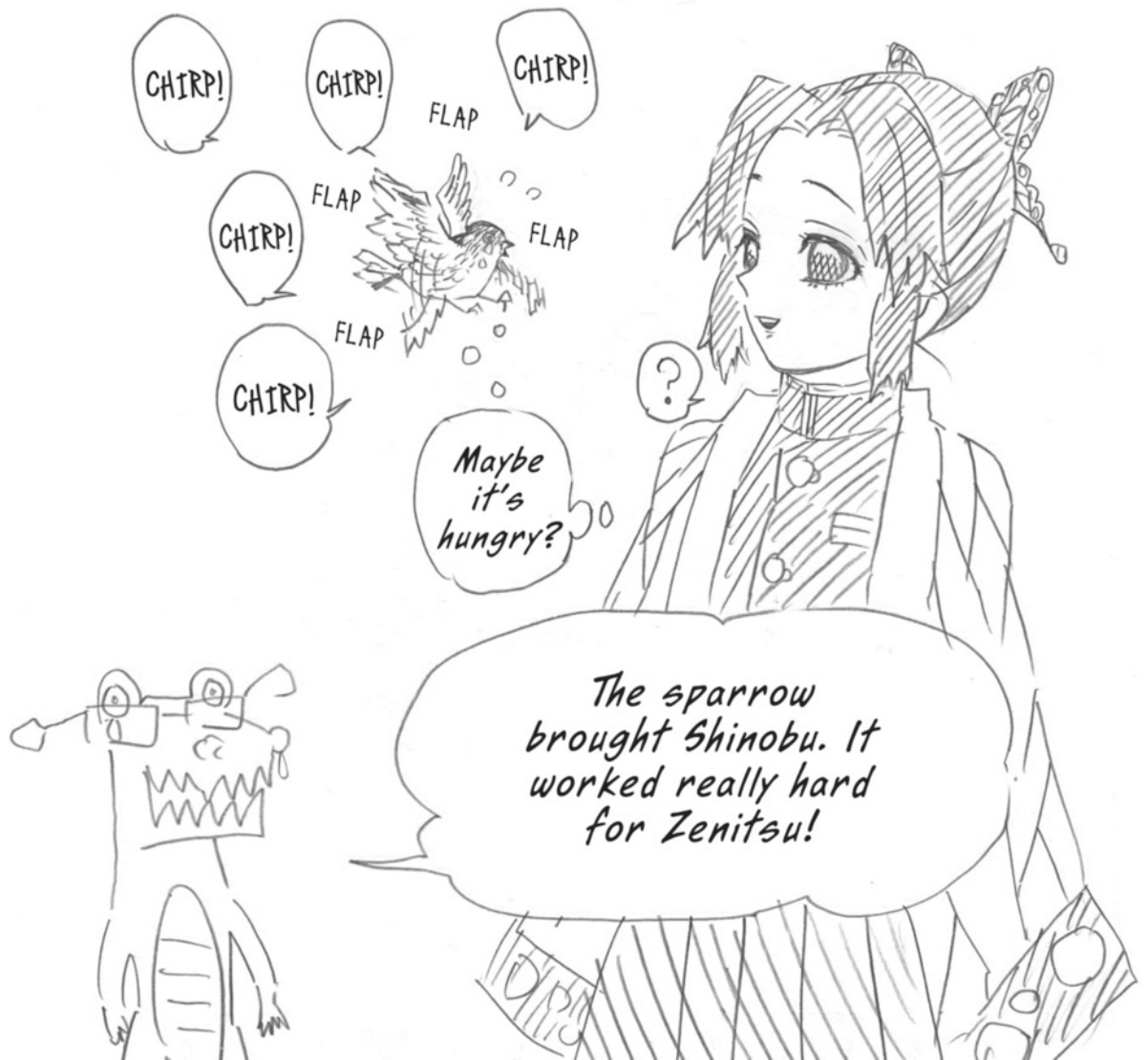
HELLO
THERE!

ARE YOU
OKAY?





Taisho Whispers



CHAPTER 36: THIS IS BAD!







AREN'T
YOU HER
FRIEND?!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!



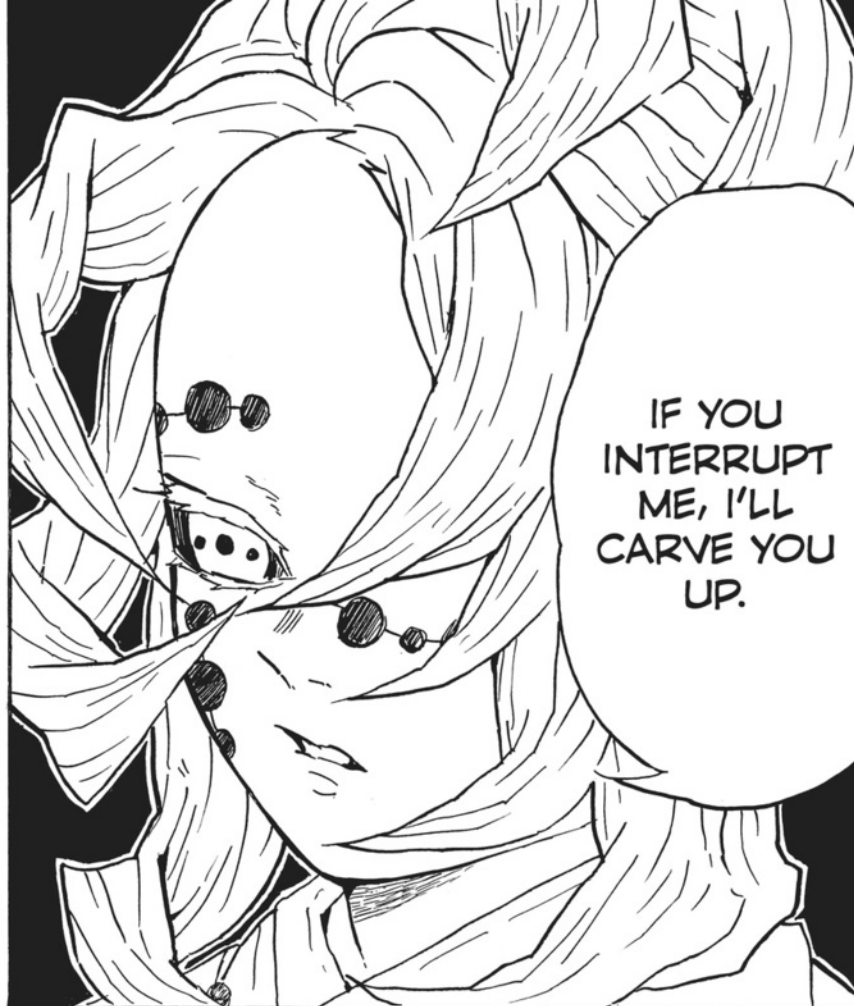
OUR
CONNECTION
IS NOTHING
SO
SUPERFICIAL.

FRIEND?



STRONG
TIES BIND
US.

WE ARE
FAMILY.



IF YOU
INTERRUPT
ME, I'LL
CARVE YOU
UP.

BESIDES,
THIS
MATTER IS
BETWEEN
ME AND
MY OLDER
SISTER.

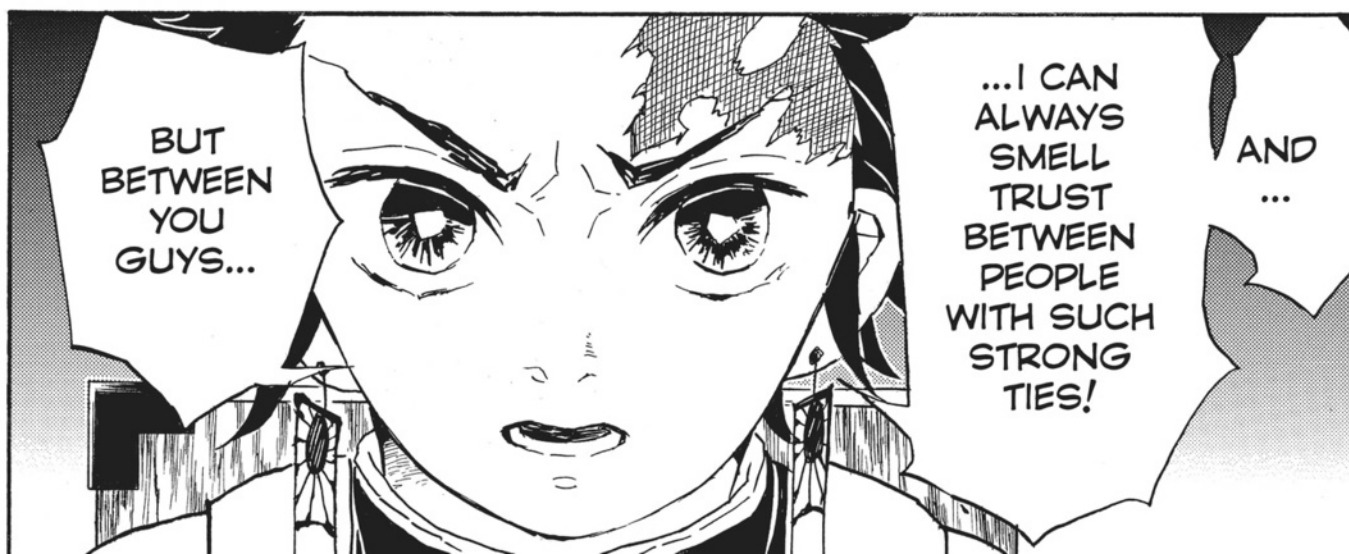


...



NOT BEING
RELATED
BY BLOOD
DOESN'T
MAKE A
CONNECTION
SUPERFICIAL!

WHETHER
YOU'RE FAMILY
OR FRIENDS,
SUCH STRONG
CONNECTIONS
ARE ALWAYS
PRECIOUS!



BUT
BETWEEN
YOU
GUYS...

...I CAN
ALWAYS
SMELL
TRUST
BETWEEN
PEOPLE
WITH SUCH
STRONG
TIES!

AND
...



IT'S A
SHAM...
IT'S
FAKE!

I
WOULDN'T
CALL
THAT
"FAMILY
TIES"!



...I ONLY
SMELL
...

...
FEAR
...

...
HATRED...
AND
LOATHING!



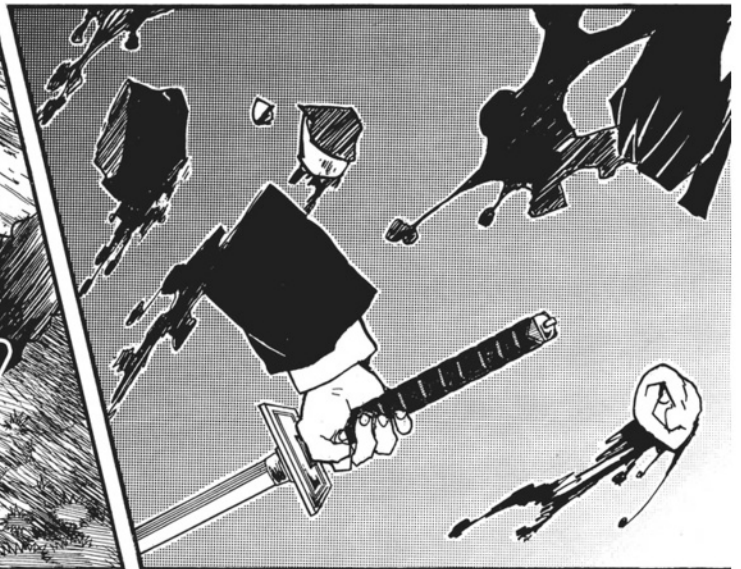
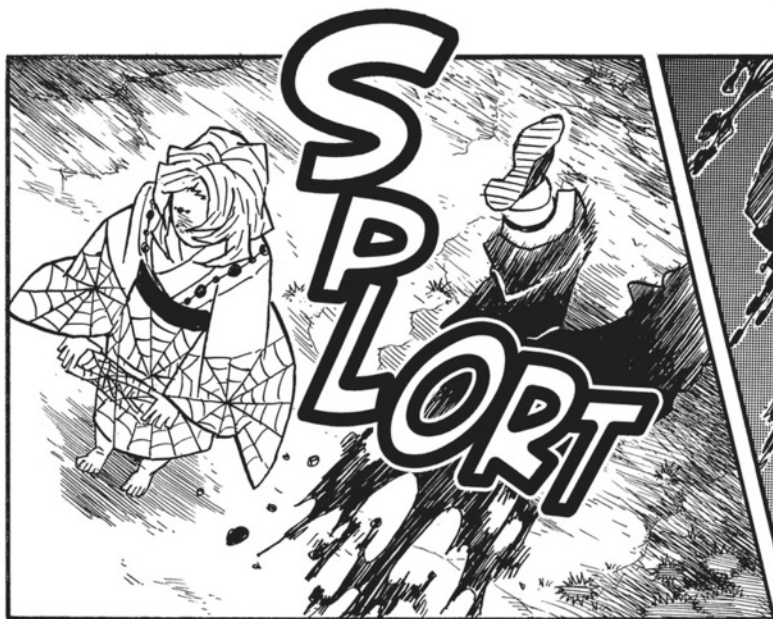
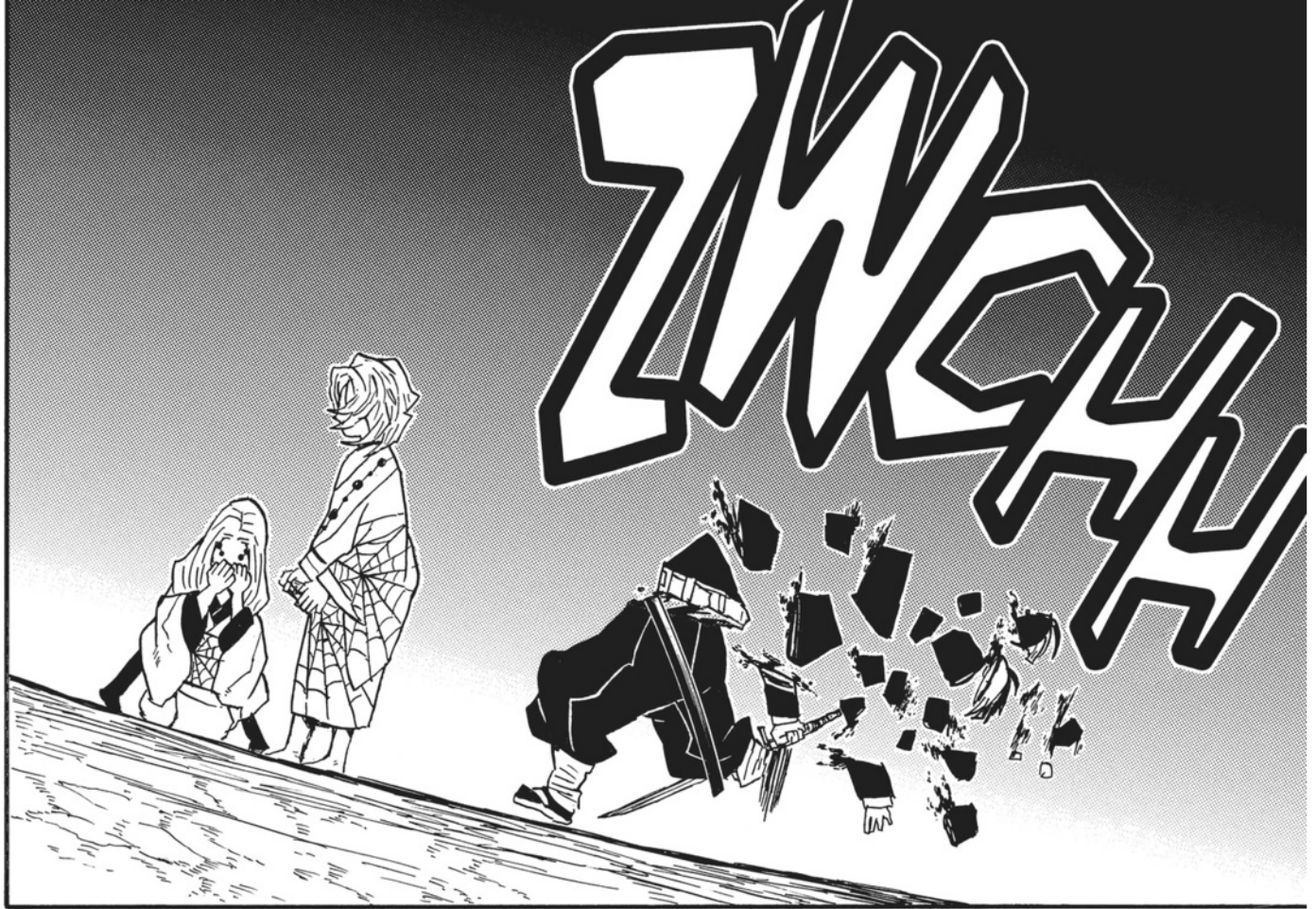
OH!

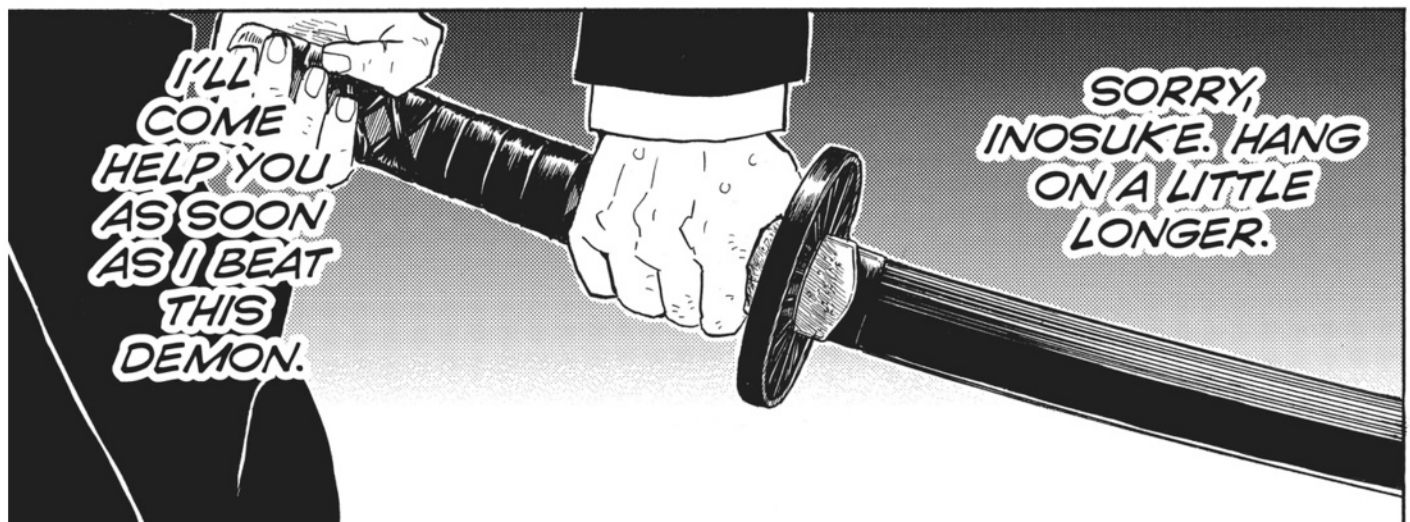
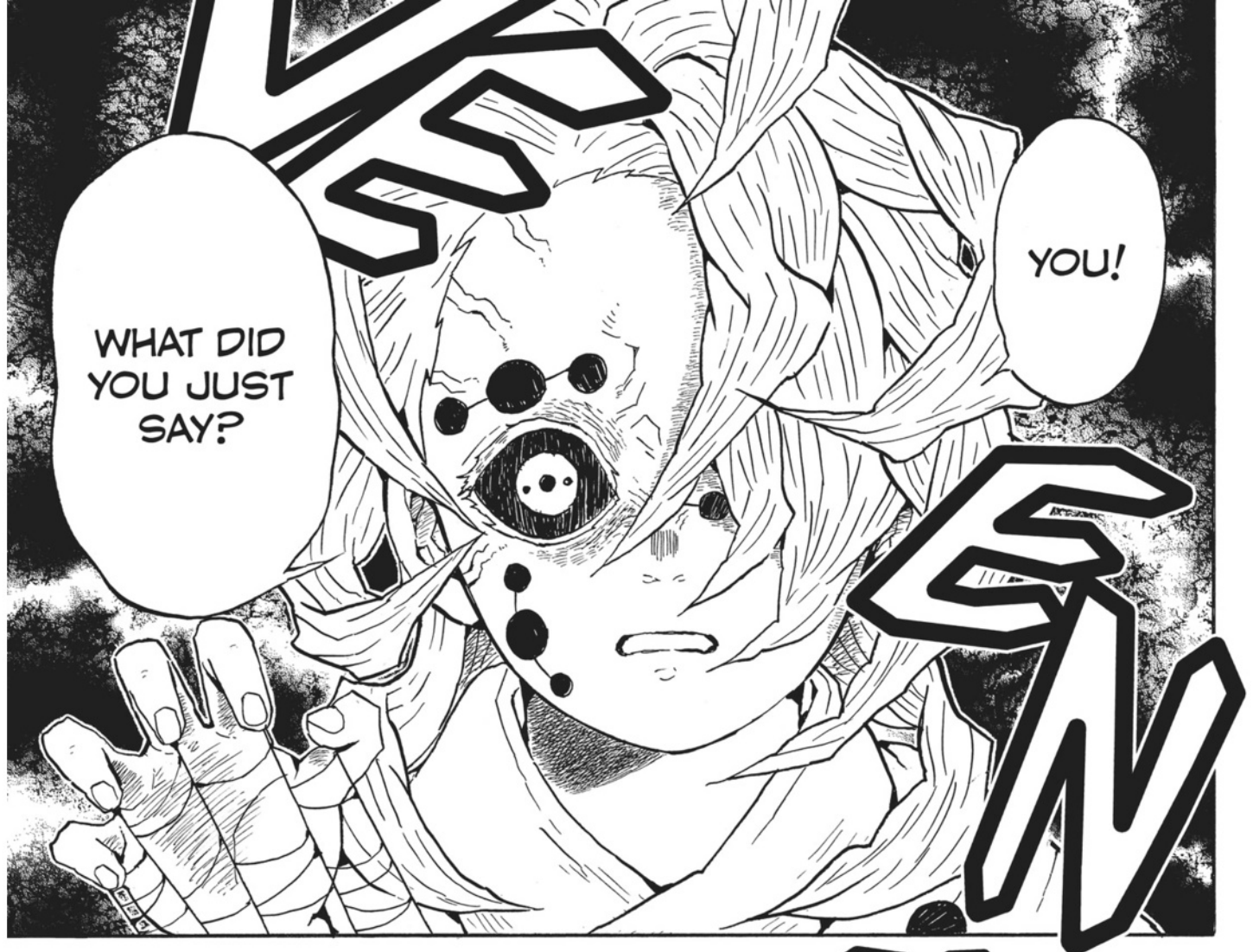
LOOKS LIKE
I'VE FOUND
JUST THE
RIGHT KIND
OF DEMON!

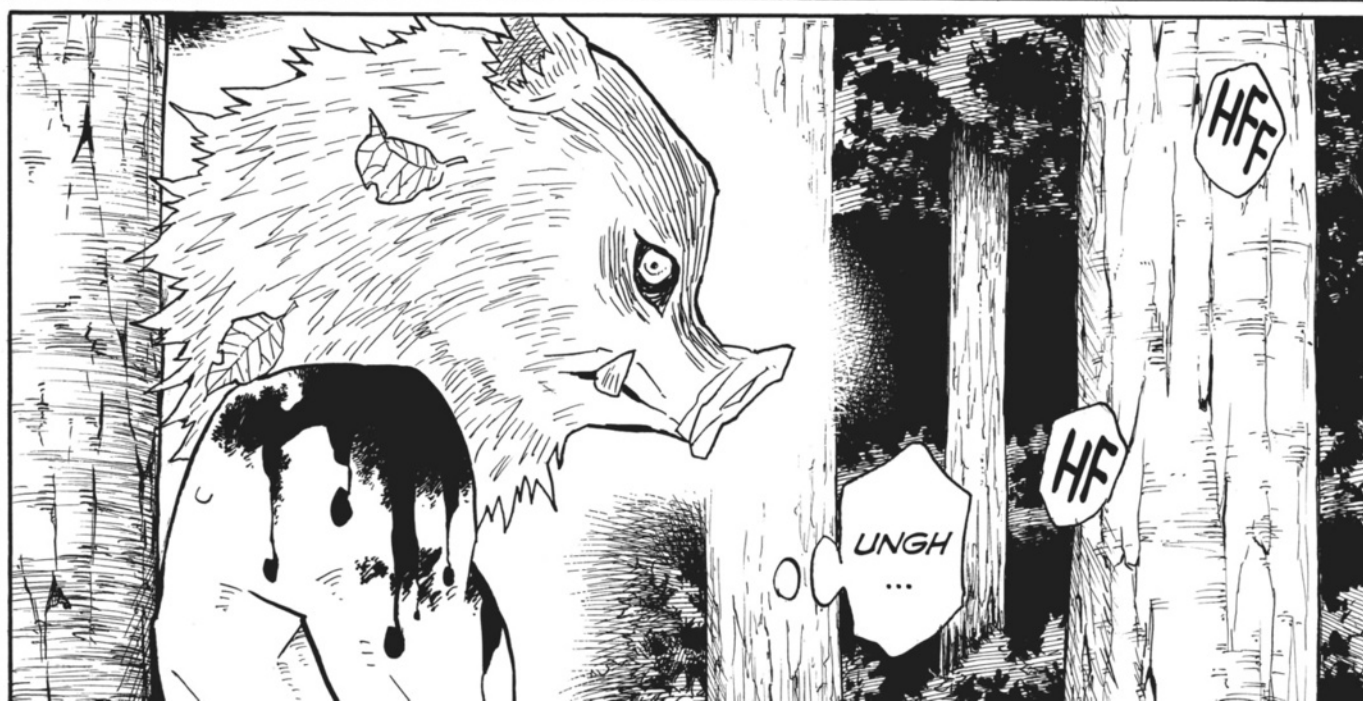
SHE













THINK!
THINK!

BO
N
K

WHADDO
I DO.?

BO
N
K

BO
N
K

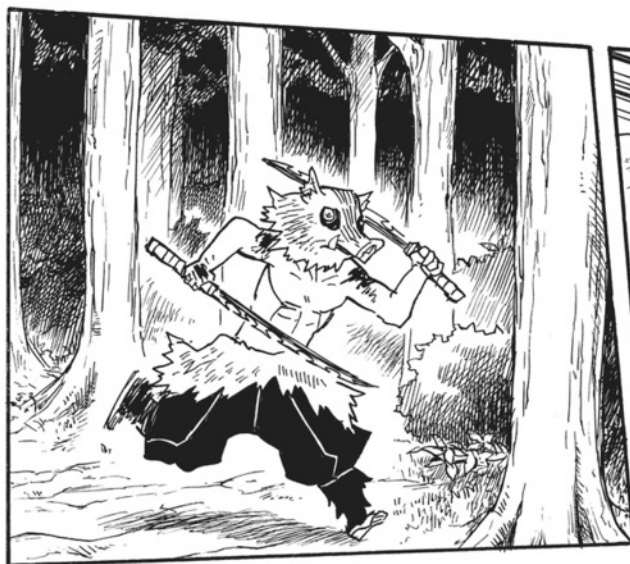


BUT I NEED
TO THINK
OF A WAY
TO CUT
THROUGH
SOMETHING
A SWORD
CAN'T
SLICE.

HIDING
LIKE
THIS IS
SHAME-
FUL...
JUST
PATHETIC.



THIN—





I'VE BEEN
INFECTED
BY THAT
LITTLE
PIG'S
COWARD-
ICE!

THAT
WAS
CLOSE
!



HERE I
COME!

**T
O
P**

GRAAH!



!

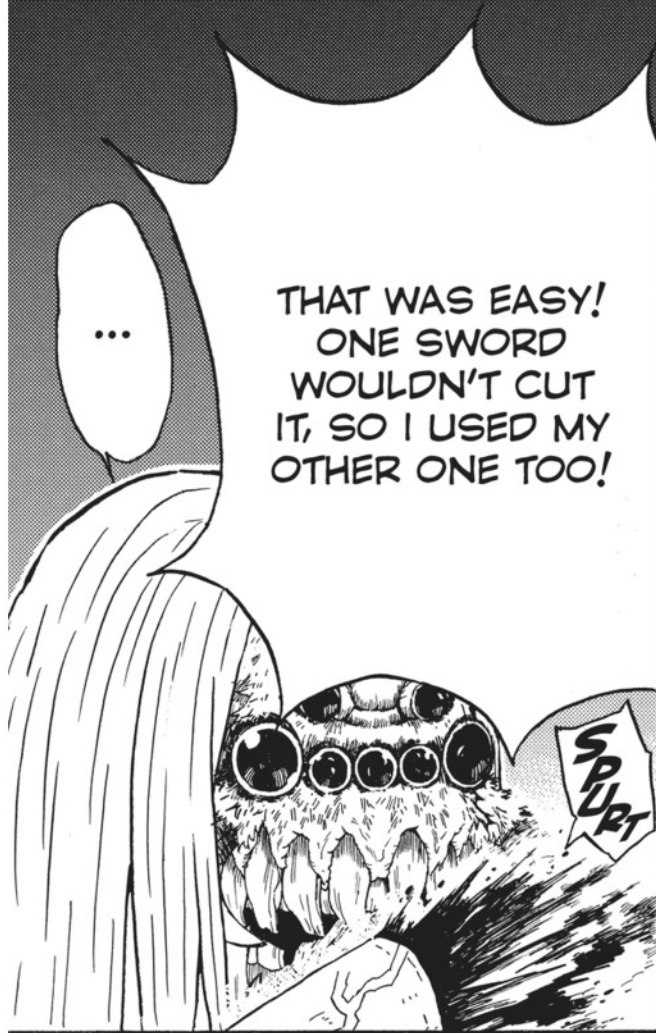


THWOK

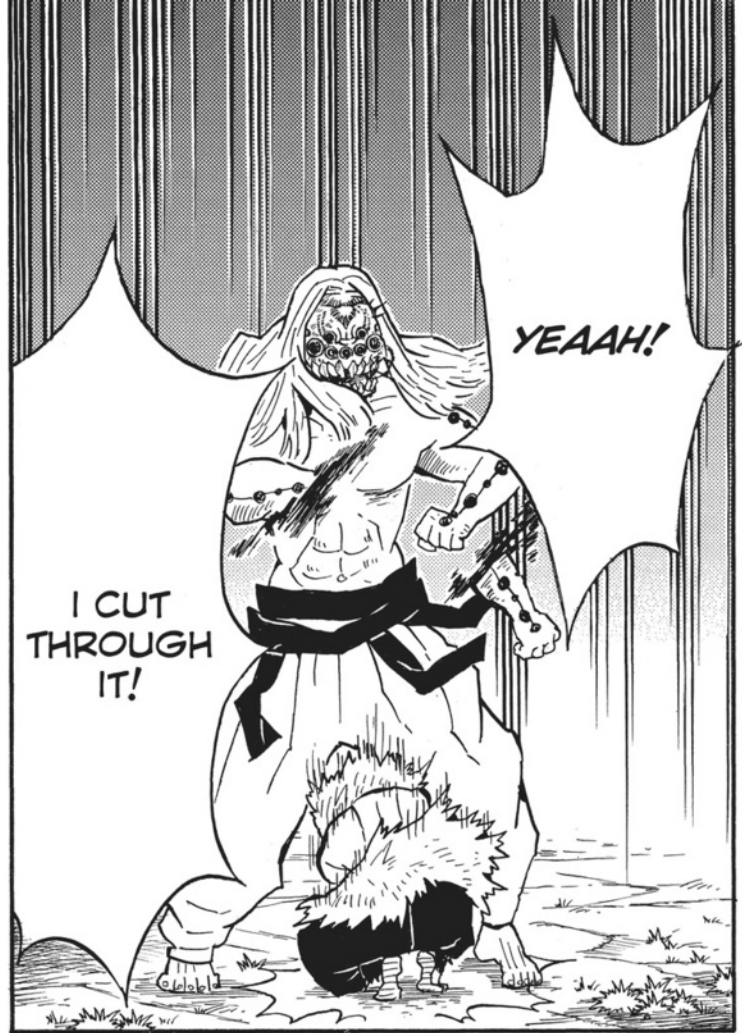
AND
THINK-
ING'S
NOT
MY
STYLE!

TOO
MUCH
THINKING
!

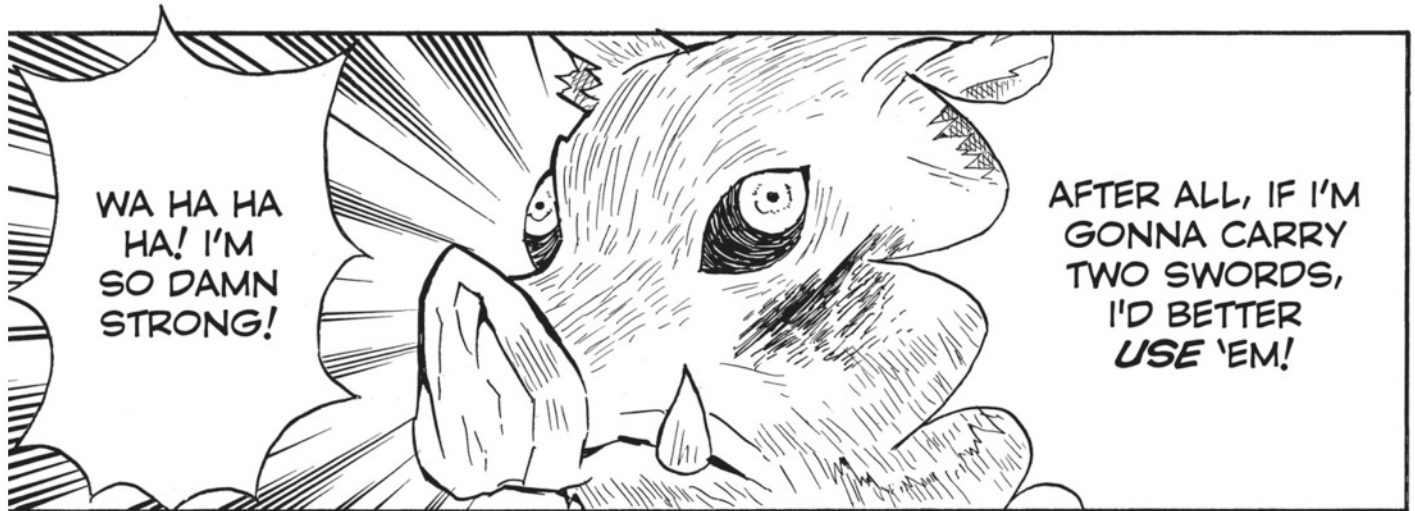


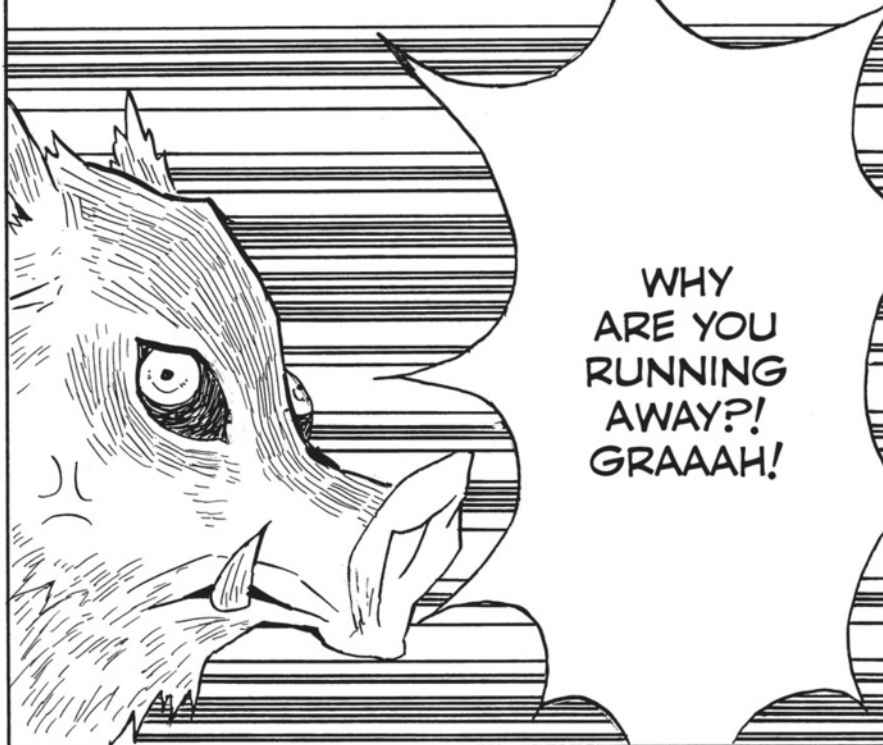
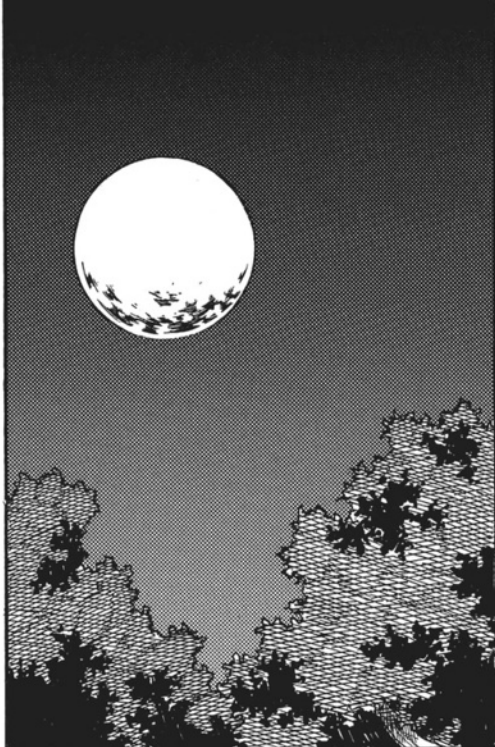


...
THAT WAS EASY!
ONE SWORD
WOULDN'T CUT
IT, SO I USED MY
OTHER ONE TOO!



I CUT
THROUGH
IT!

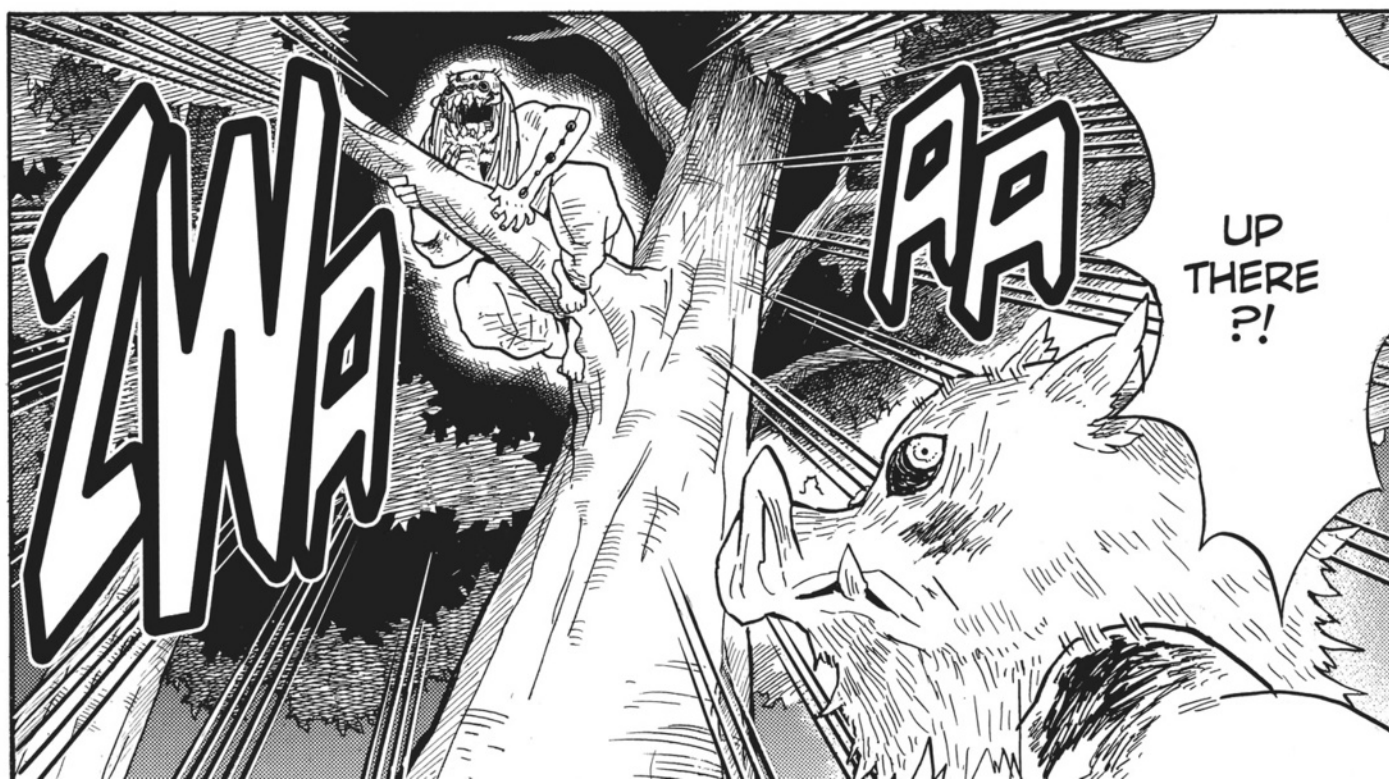


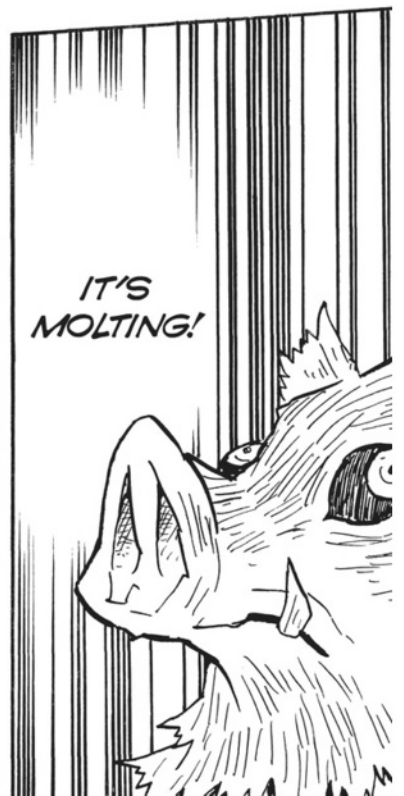
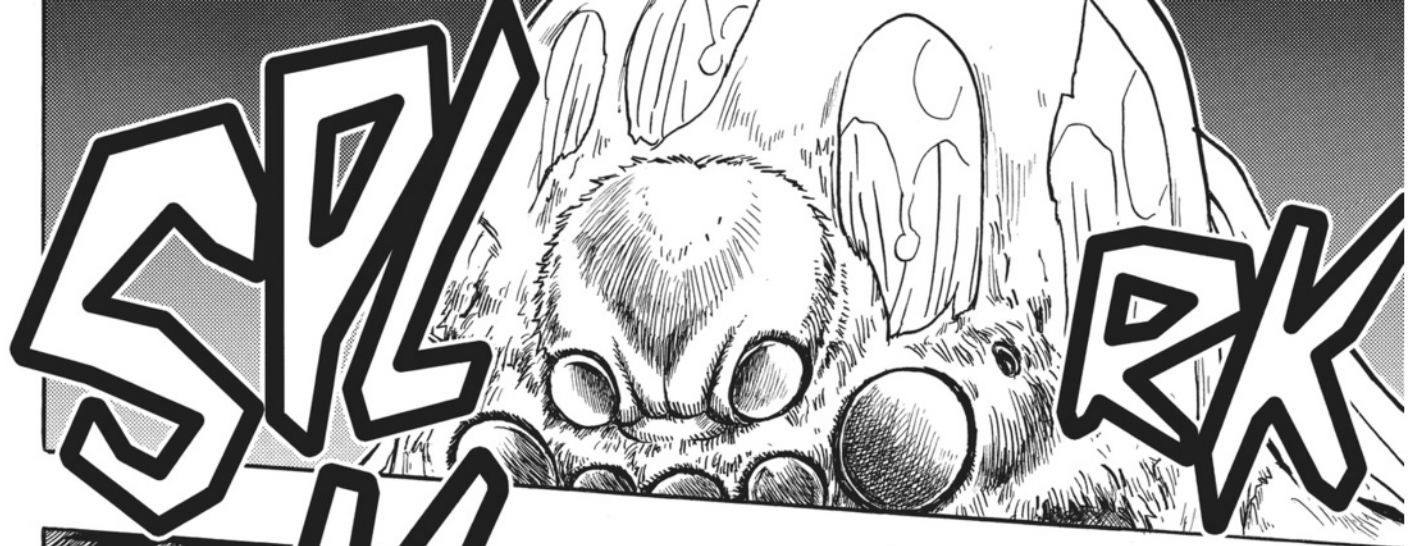


WHY
ARE YOU
RUNNING
AWAY?!
GRAAAH!

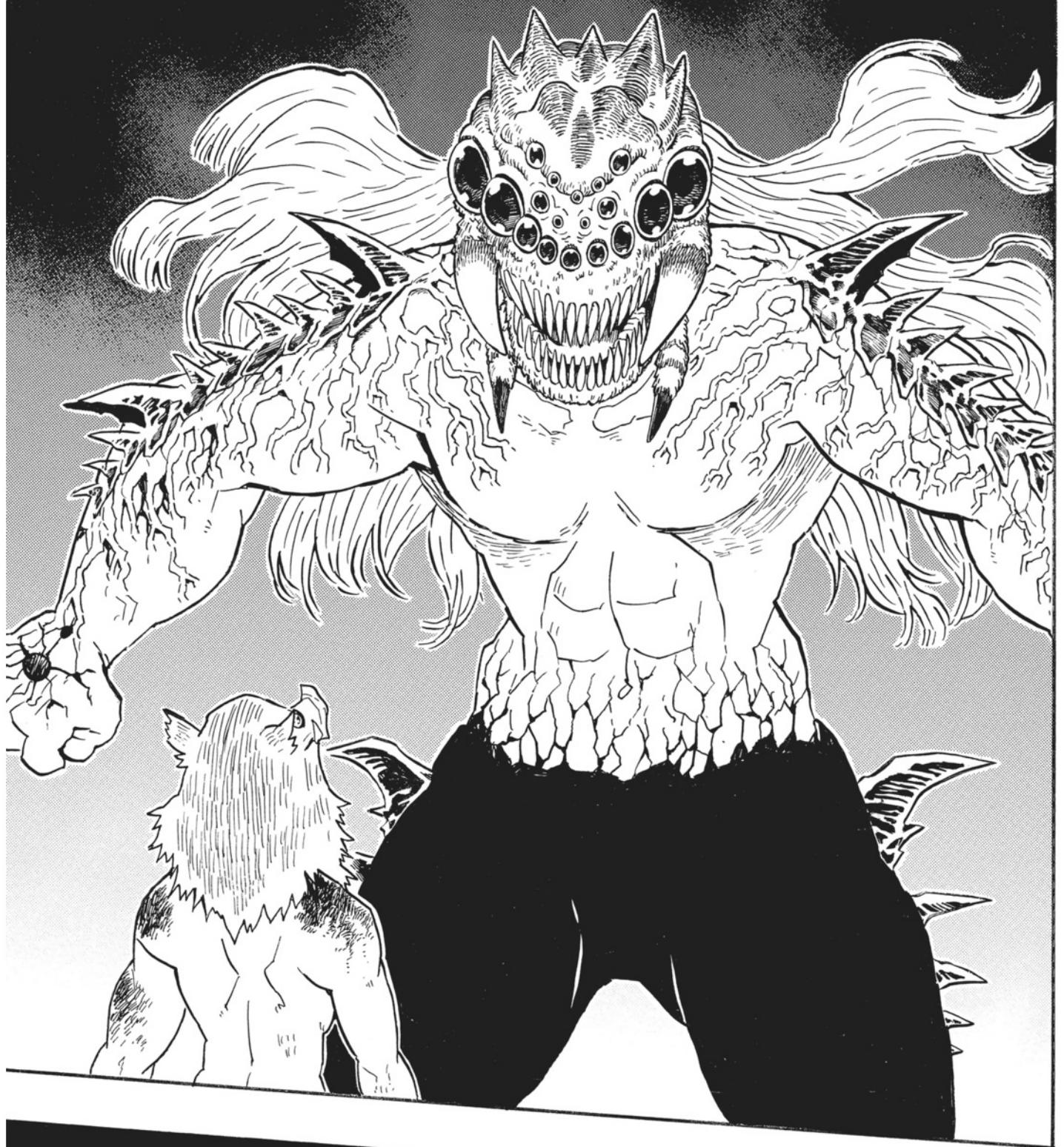


ARGH!
WHERE
DID THAT
JERK
GO?









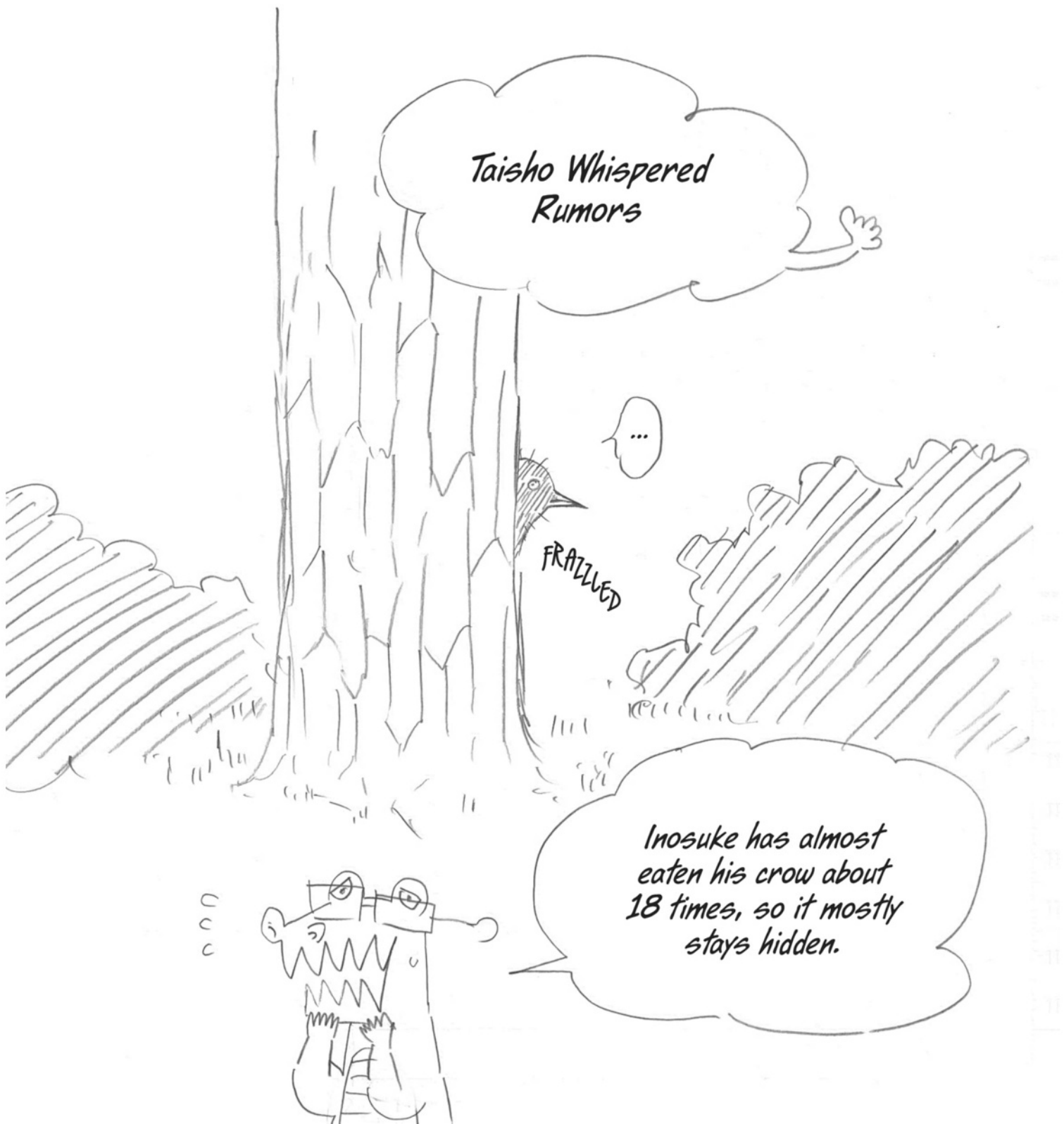
THIS IS
BAD!

NOPE.
THAT'S TOO
BIG EVEN
FOR ME.

TCH

SHAKE

TCH



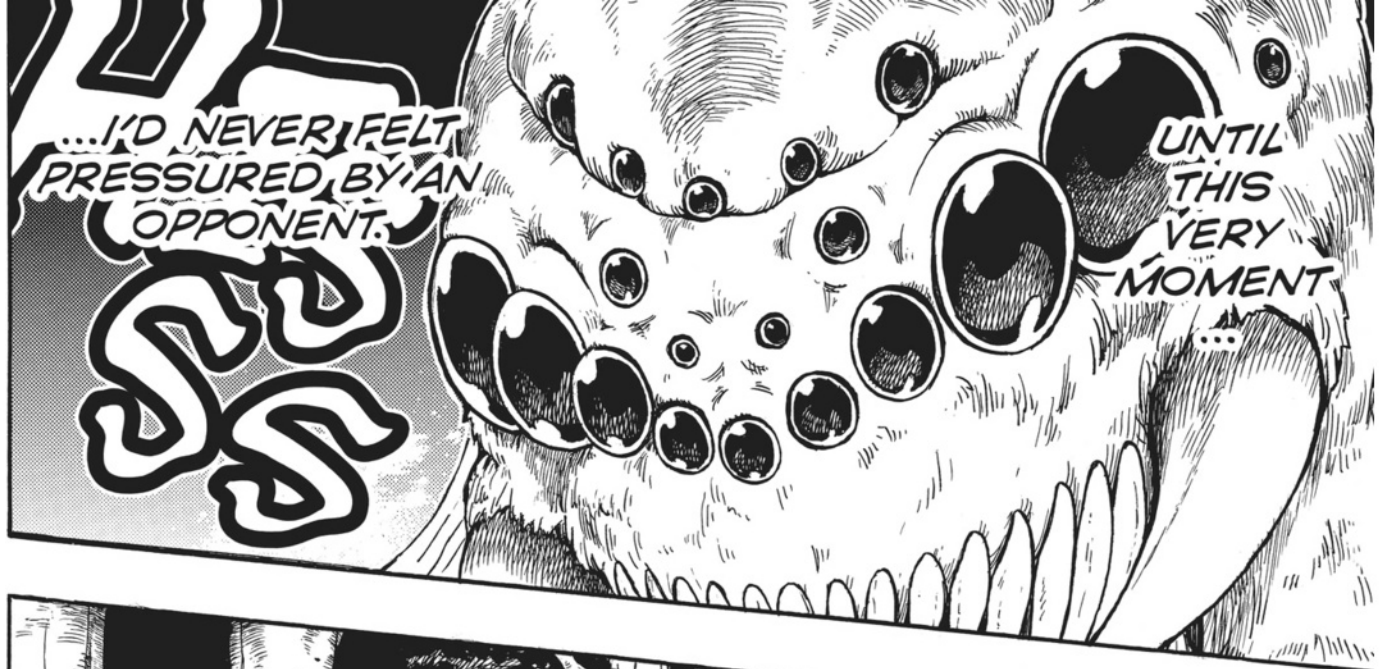
*Taisho Whispered
Rumors*

FRAZZLED

*Inosuke has almost
eaten his crow about
18 times, so it mostly
stays hidden.*



CHAPTER 37: BROKEN BLADE





I'LL BE
BACK AS
FAST AS
I CAN!
WHATEVER
YOU DO,
DON'T
DIE!

GA
SP



...PLEASE
LIVE
YOUR
LIFE
WITH
PRIDE.



AT ALL
TIMES...



I
WON'T
LOSE. I
CAN'T
LOSE!

GR
TP

I WISH
YOU GOOD
FORTUNE
IN WAR!





I AM
INOSUKE
HASHIBIRA
...

COME
AND
FIGHT
ME, YOU
SCUM!

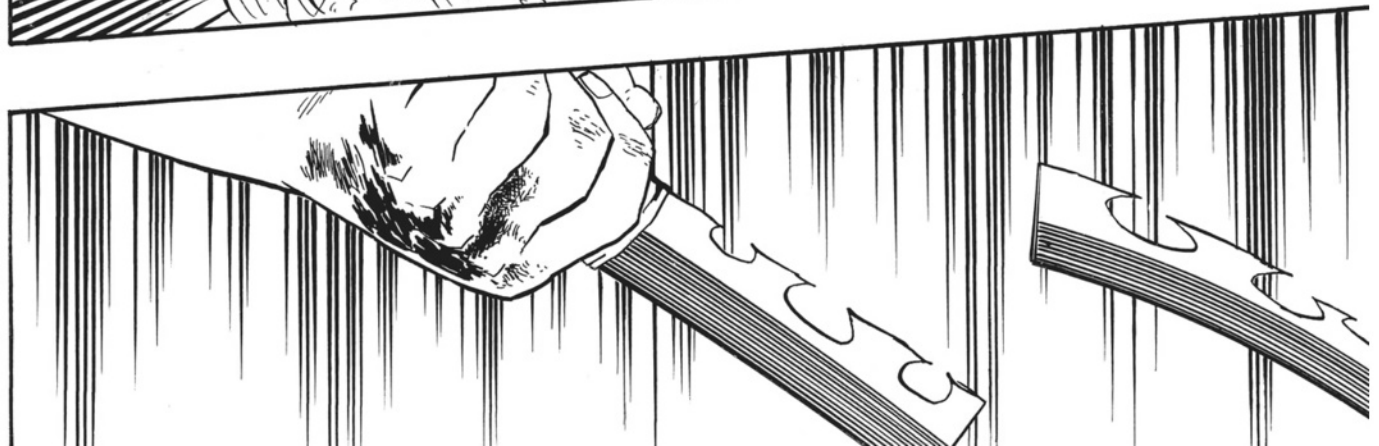
...OF THE
DEMON
SLAYER
CORPS!

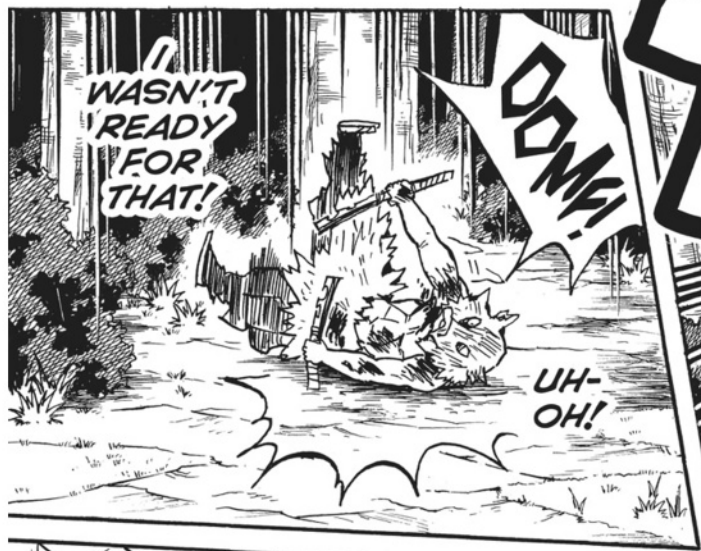
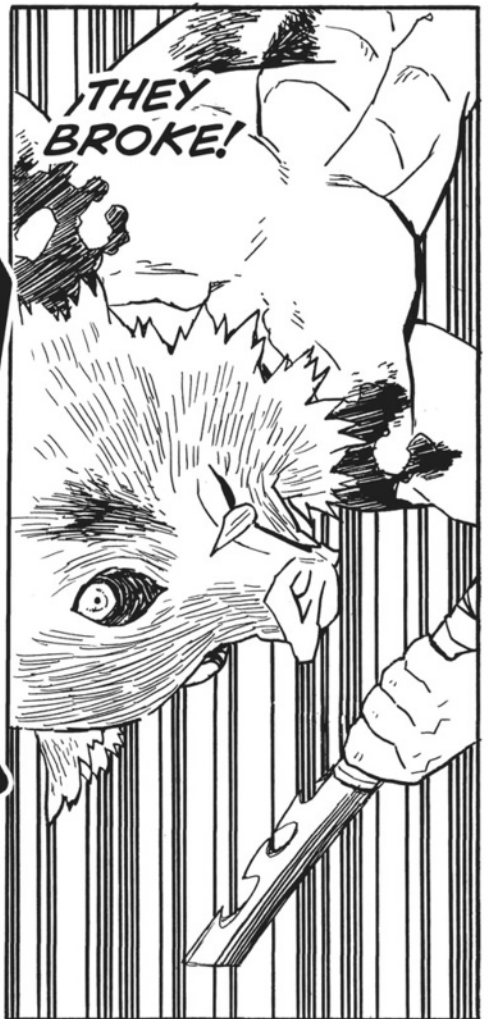


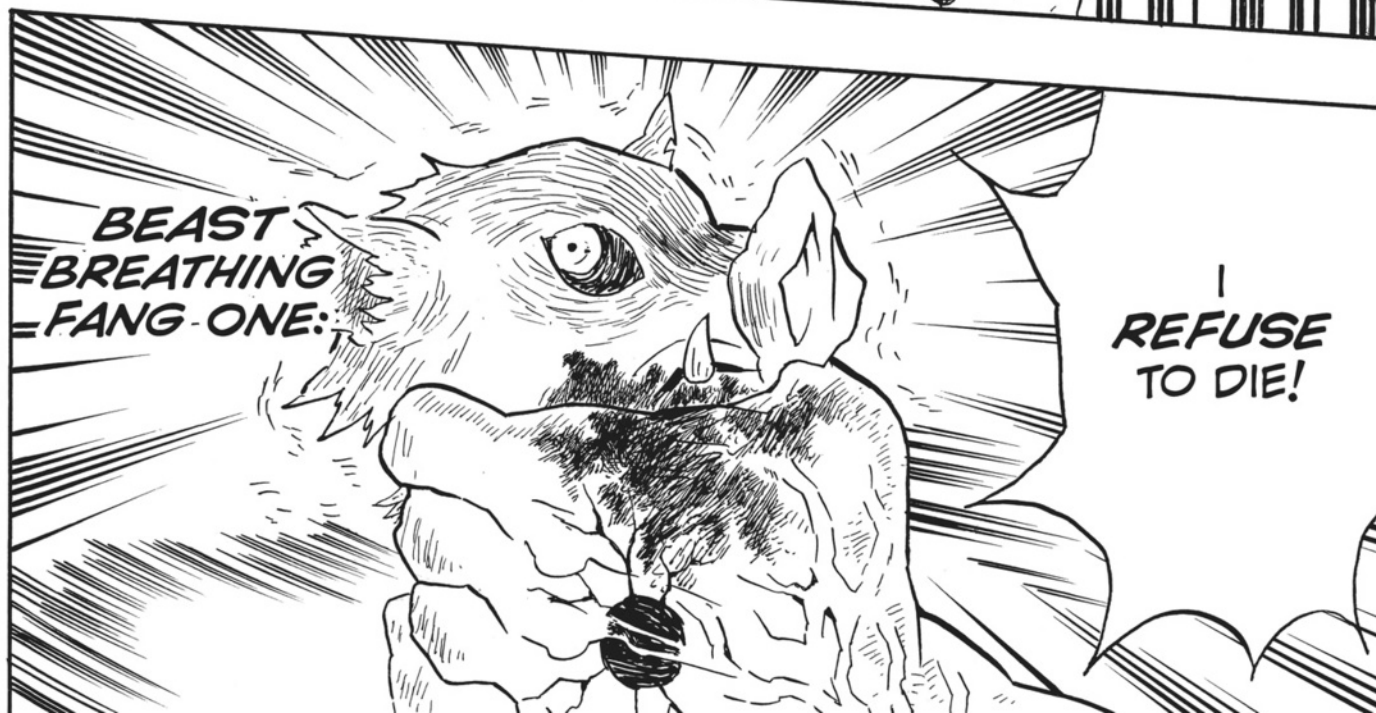
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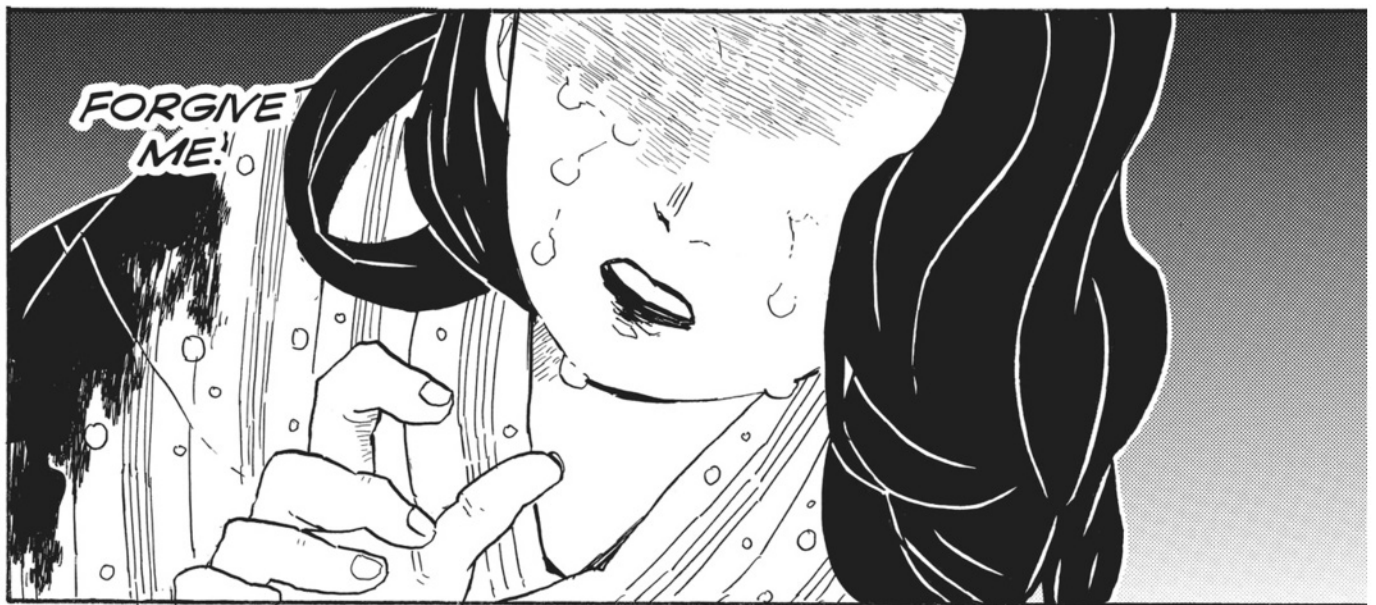




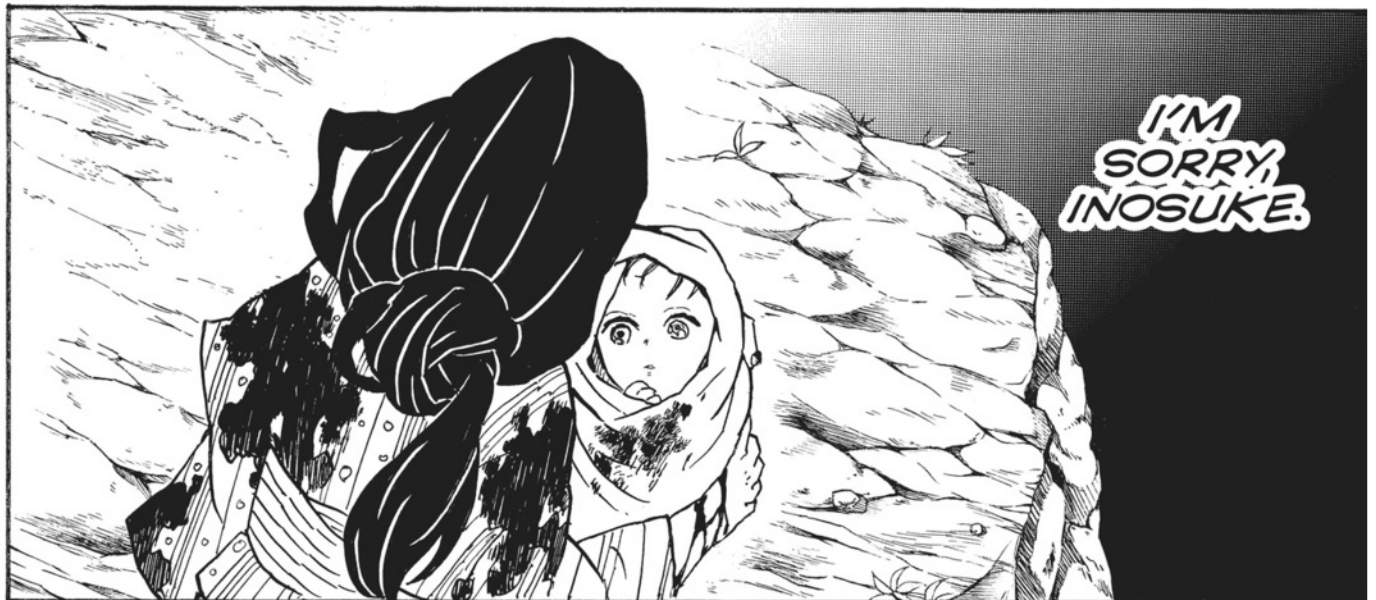








**FORGIVE
ME!**

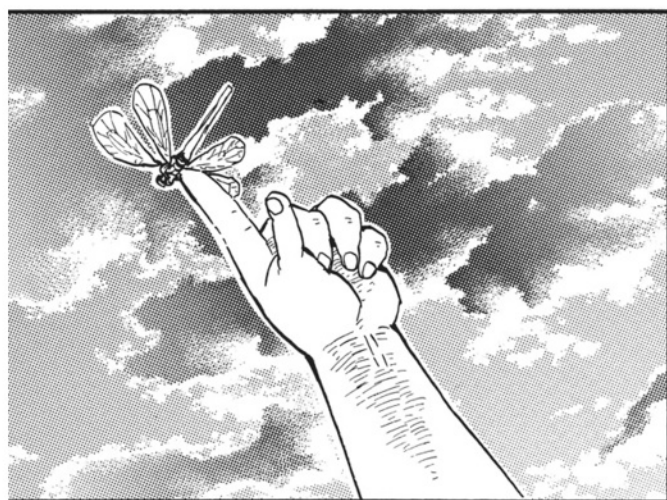
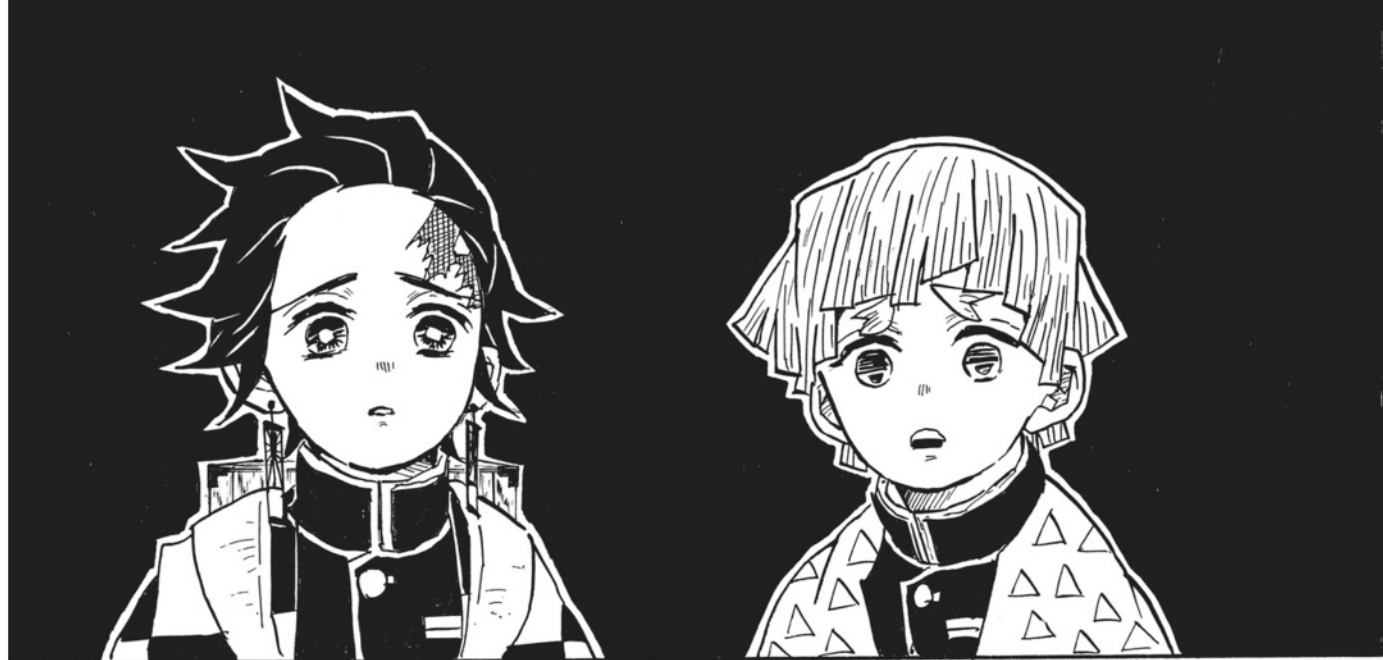


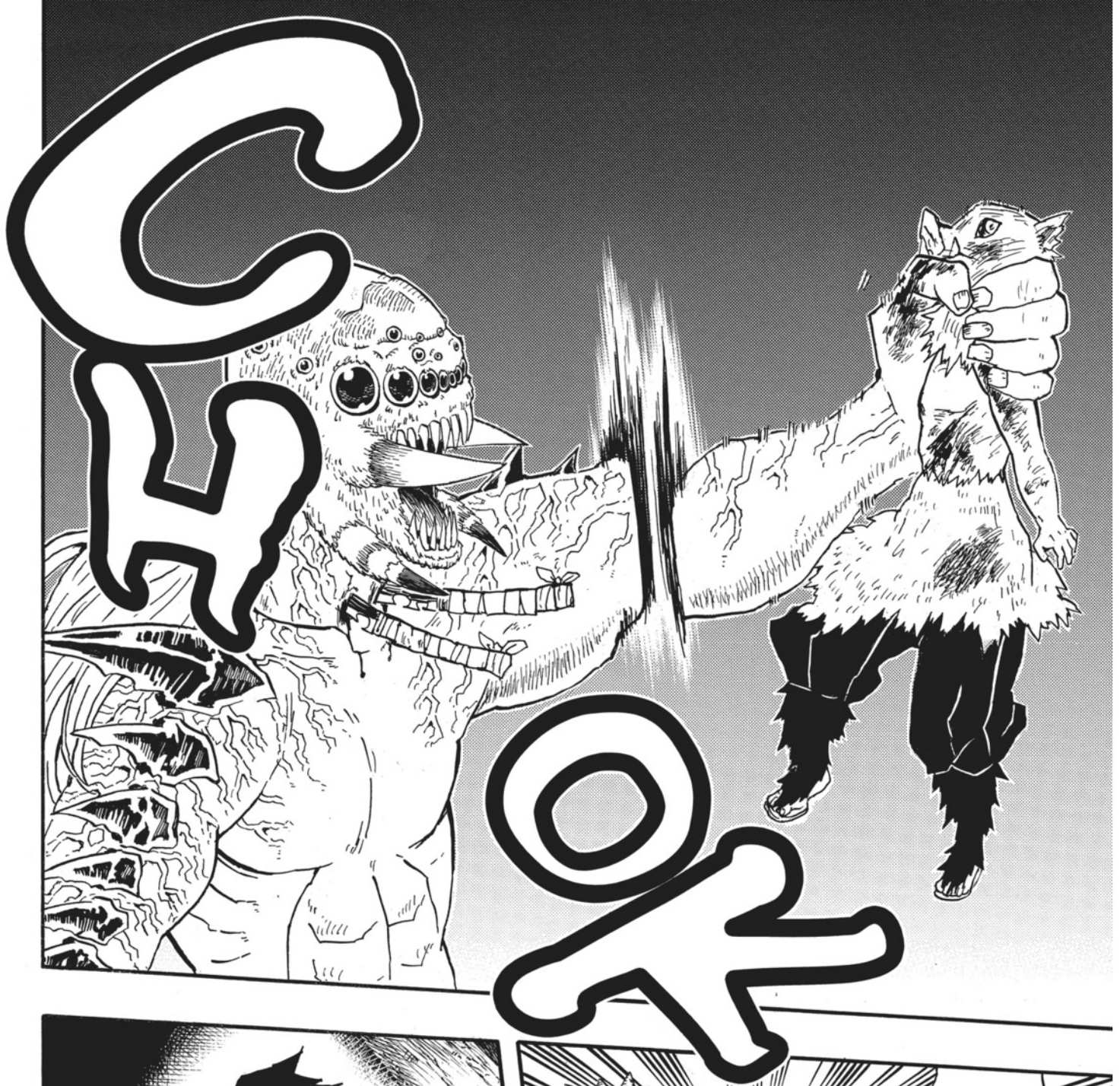
**I'M
SORRY,
INOSUKE.**



**...
INOSUKE'S
LIFE
PASSED
BEFORE
HIS EYES.**

**IN THE
MOMENT
BEFORE
THE DEMON
WAS ABOUT
TO CRUSH
HIS NECK...**













WITH A
SINGLE
STROKE
HE SLICED
UP THAT
MONSTER
LIKE TOFU.

HE'S ON
A WHOLE
OTHER
LEVEL.
WE'RE AS
DIFFERENT
AS HEAVEN
AND EARTH.

WOW,
WOW,
WOW!





I CAN'T
CONTAIN
MY
EXCITE-
MENT!



WHO
IS THIS
GUY?!



BUT IF YOU
TAKE BACK
WHAT YOU
SAID, I'LL
MAKE IT
QUICK.



I DON'T PLAN
TO KILL YOU
ALL AT ONCE.
FIRST...

...I'LL SHRED
YOUR SKIN,
THEN I'LL
CHOP YOU UP.



I MEANT
EVERY WORD
I SAID. AND
WHAT'S
MORE...

I WON'T
TAKE IT
BACK!

...I'M
ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT!



...IS
YOU!

THE ONE
WHO'S
WRONG
...

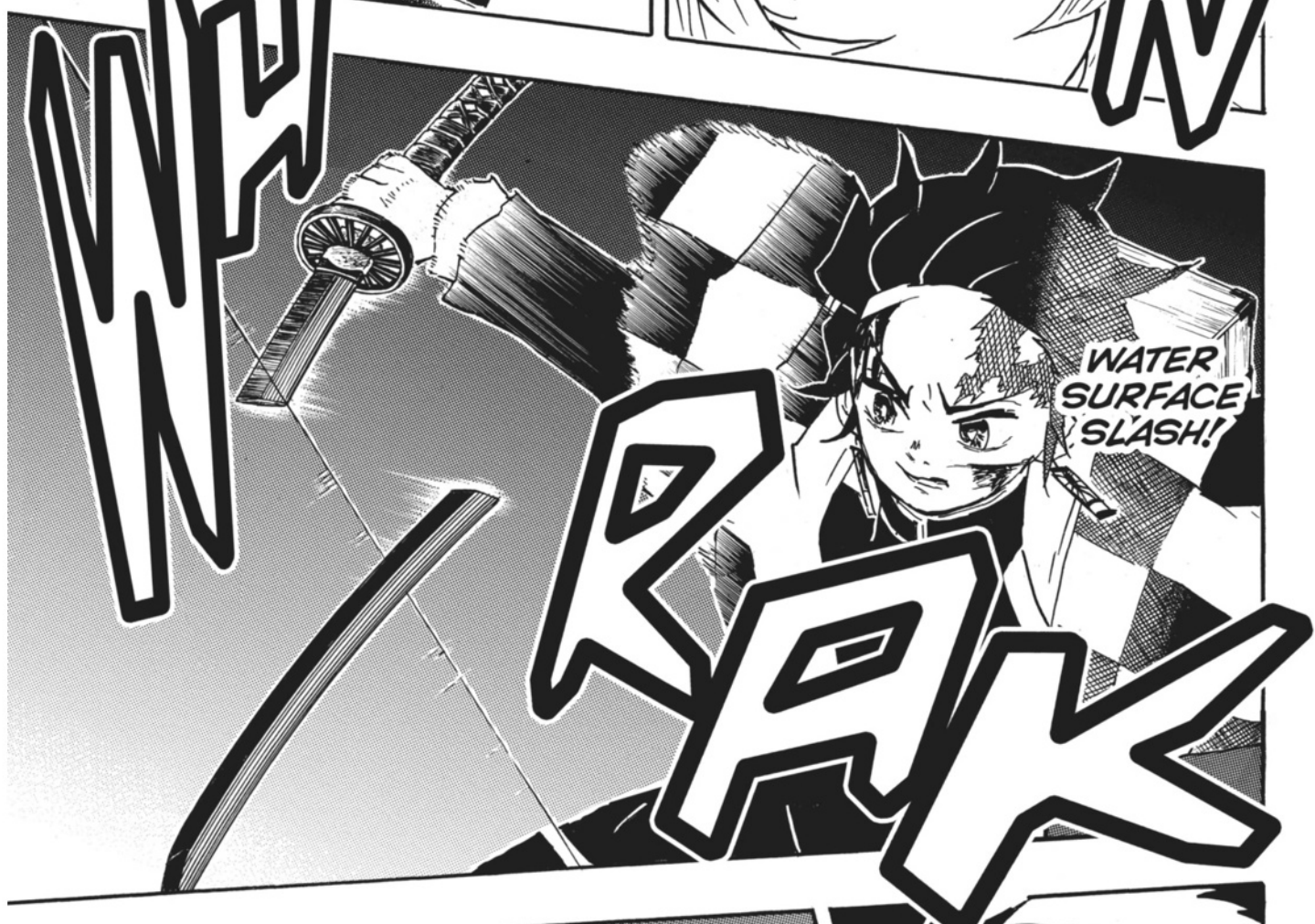


HE
DOESN'T
HESI-
TATE.

HE'S
SMARTER
THAN I
THOUGHT.

THAT OTHER
ODOR HAS
FADED,
SO I CAN
SMELL THE
THREADS!

I CAN
SMELL
THEM!



TUNG



CHAPTER 38: REAL AND FAKE





HEY! YOU
IN THE
TWO-TONE
JACKET!
FIGHT ME!





YOU'D DO
BETTER TO
GET BACK
TO YOUR
TRAINING,
FOOL!



THAT
WASN'T
ONE
OF THE
TWELVE
KIZUKI.

EVEN
YOU
SHOULD
KNOW
THAT.

W
H
A
A
T
?!



I JUST
REPEATED
WHAT HE
TOLD ME!

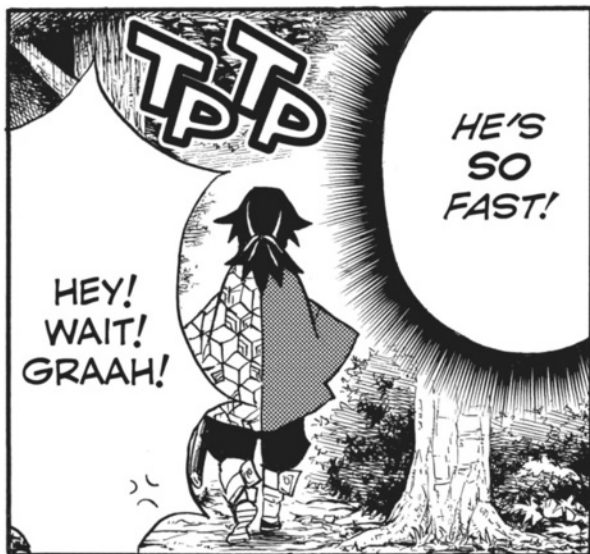
IT WAS
TANJIRO
WHO SAID
THAT WAS
ONE OF THE
TWELVE
KIZUKI!

I DID
KNOW
THAT!



WHAT'S THE...?
HE TIED ME UP?!

?!
?!
?!



TPTP

HE'S SO FAST!

HEY!
WAIT!
GRAAH!



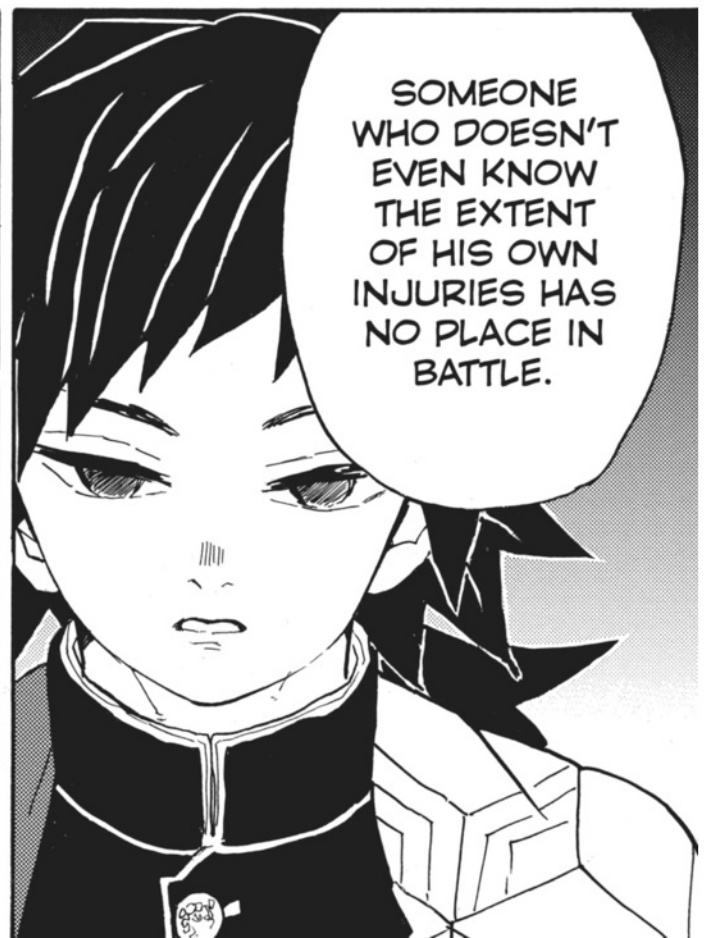
WHA
...?!

PAT
PAT

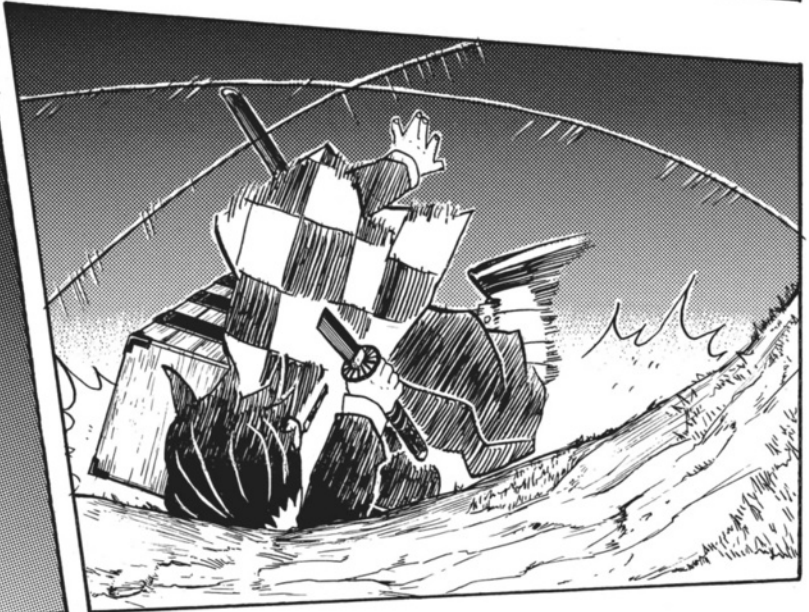
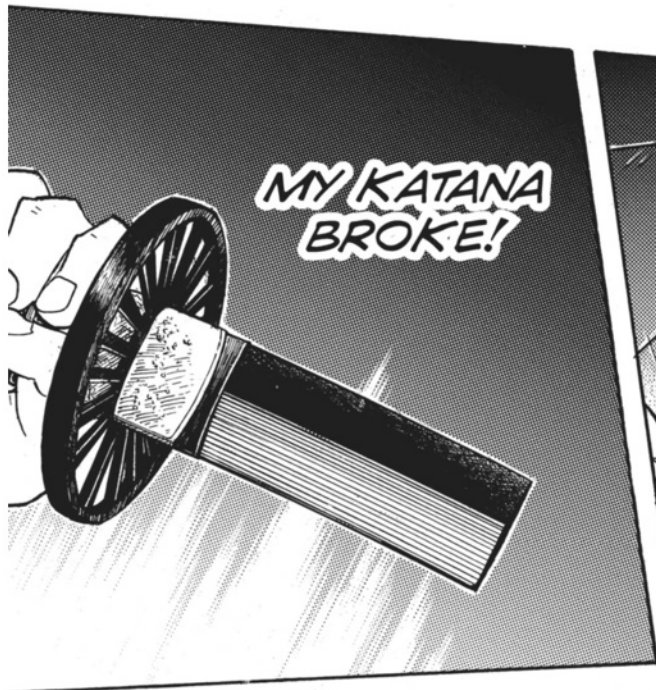


YOU WALK TOO FAST!

I CAN'T HEAR YOU!



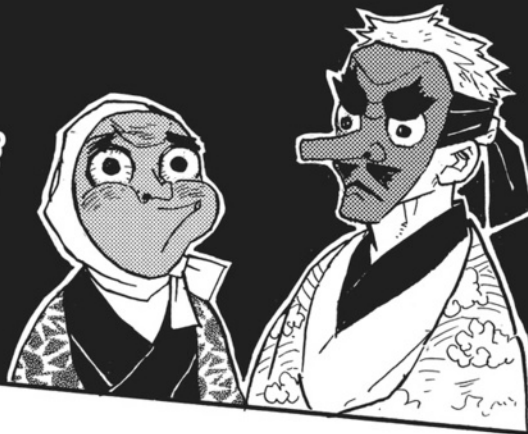
SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THE EXTENT OF HIS OWN INJURIES HAS NO PLACE IN BATTLE.



...ARE EVEN
STRONGER
THAN THE
BODY
OF THAT
DEMON I
COULDN'T
CUT
EARLIER!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!
THE WEBS
THIS KID
WIELDS...

BECAUSE
OF MY
INEXPERIENCE
I BROKE MY
SWORD.



FORGIVE ME,
UROKODAKI
AND
HAGANEZUKA...

I CAN'T
CUT THE
THREADS,
BUT IF I
GET WITHIN
REACH...



NO, NO
TIME FOR
THAT!
THINK,
THINK!

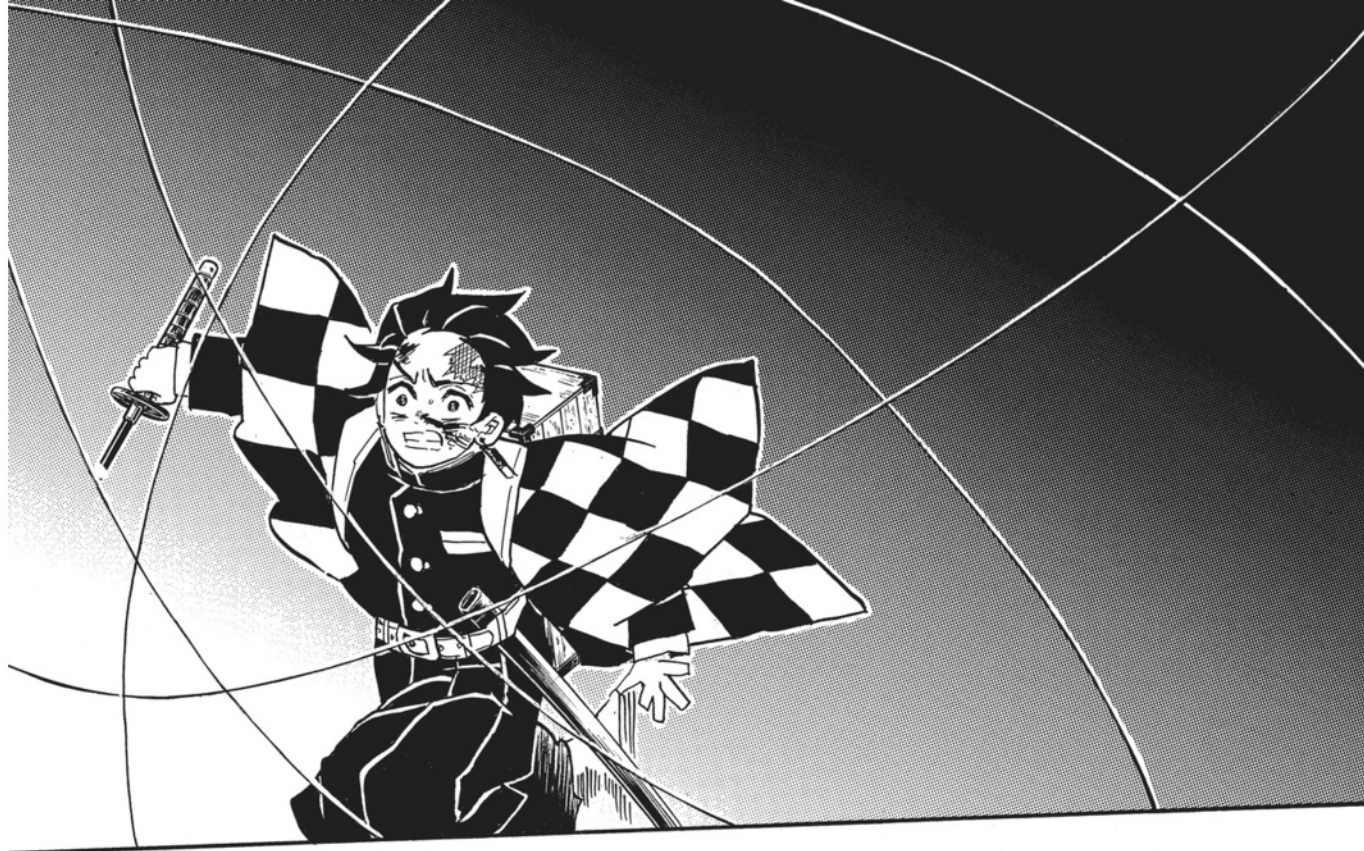


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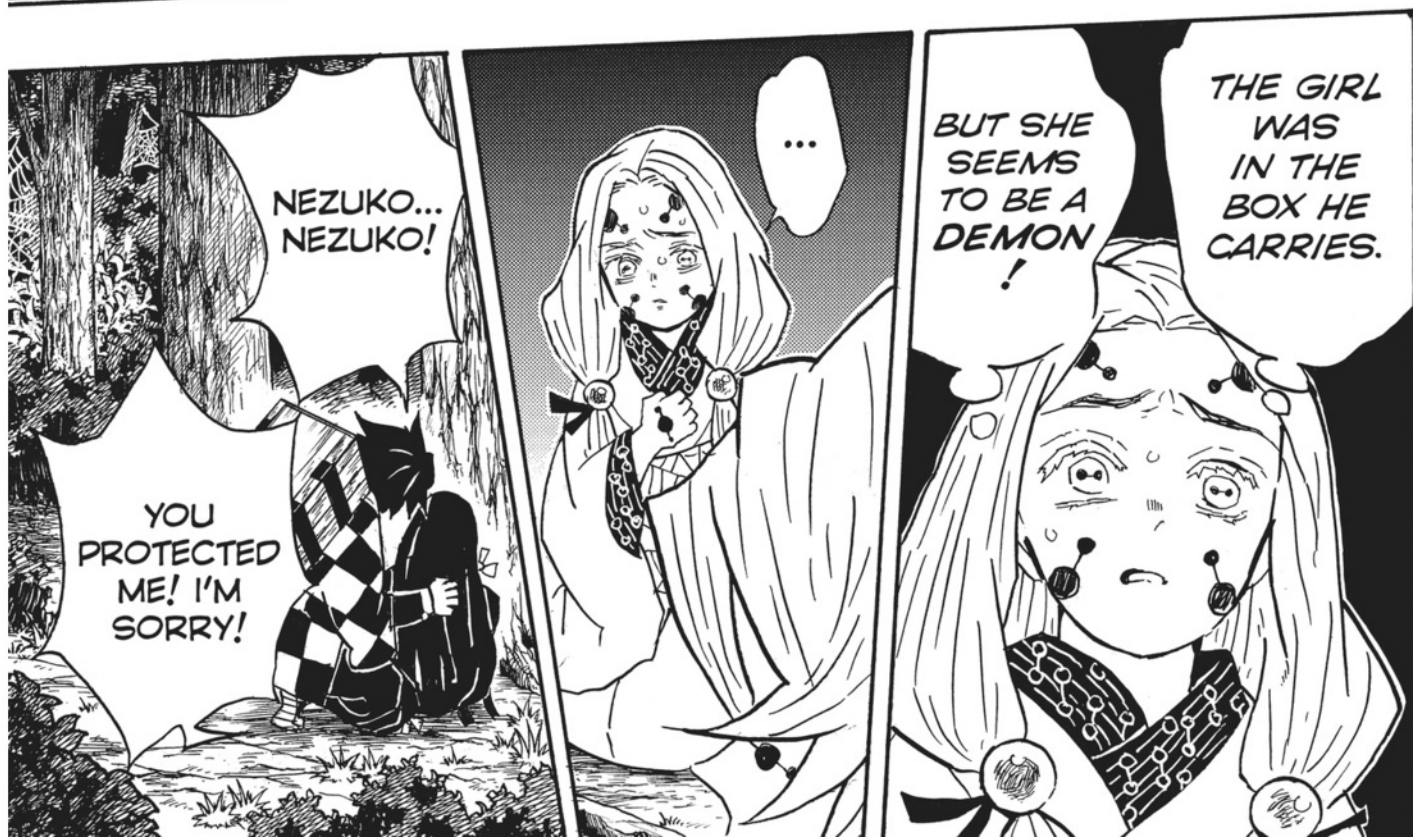
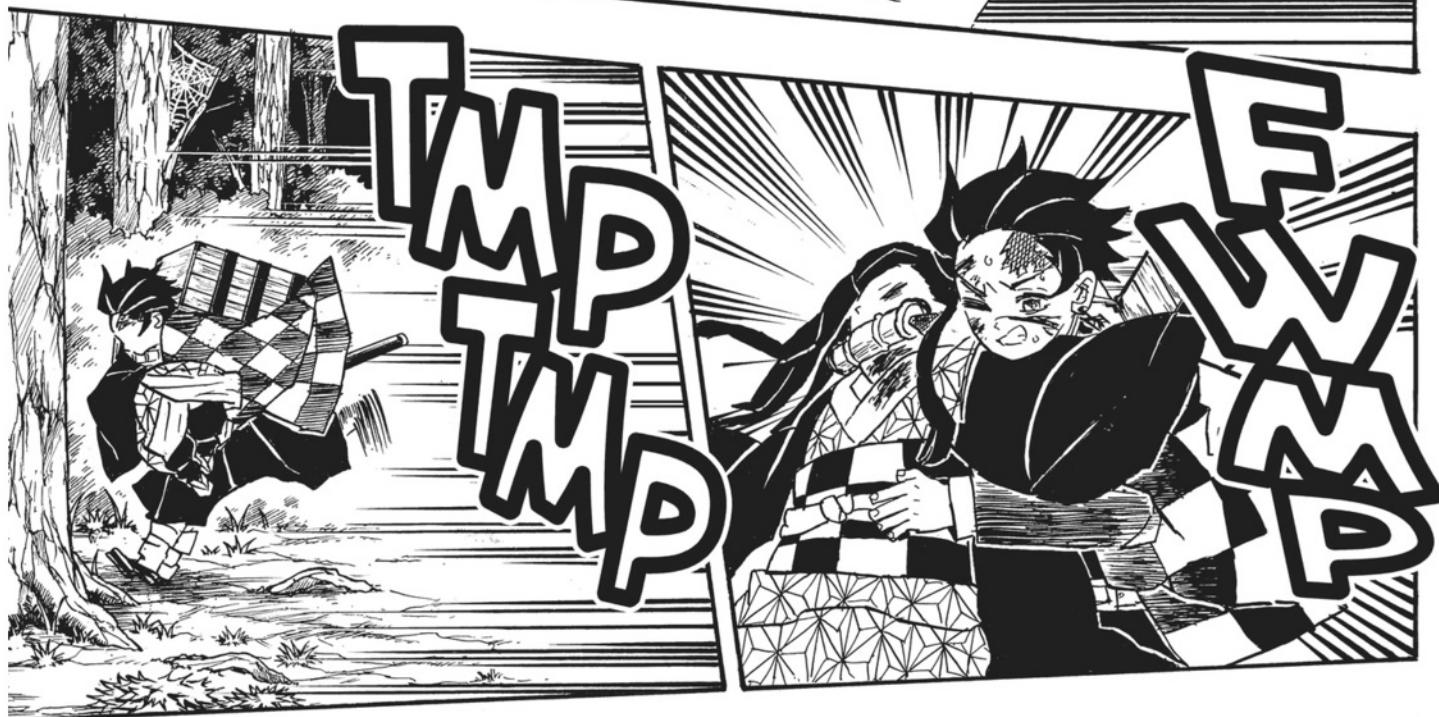
I CAN'T GET
THROUGH.
THOSE WEBS
MOVE LIKE
THEY'RE
ALIVE!



HE'S HOLDING
BACK SO
AS NOT TO
KILL ME, BUT
I'M STILL
STRUGGLING!









SO WHAT
IF WE
ARE?!



C'MON,
HEAL UP!
QUICK!

SUCH DEEP
WOUNDS!
HER HAND
COULD
COME OFF!



YOU ARE
BROTHER
AND
SISTER?



HIS SISTER
PROTECTED
HIM...

...BY
LEAPING
IN THE
WAY.



...BUT
HE IS
WITH
HER.

HIS
SISTER
IS A
DEMON
...



R...

RUI
...



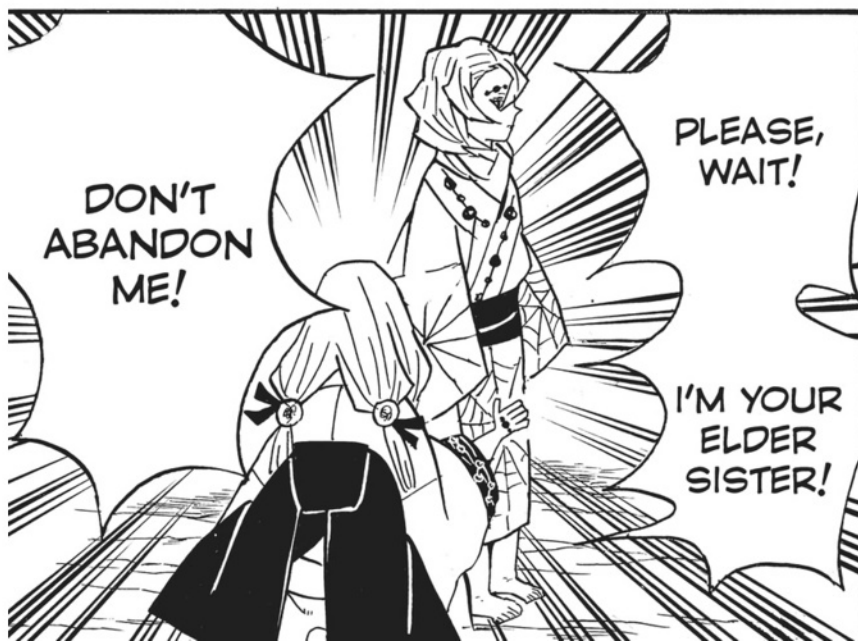
SIB-
LINGS
...

SIB-
LINGS
...



**THAT'S
WHAT I
WANT!**

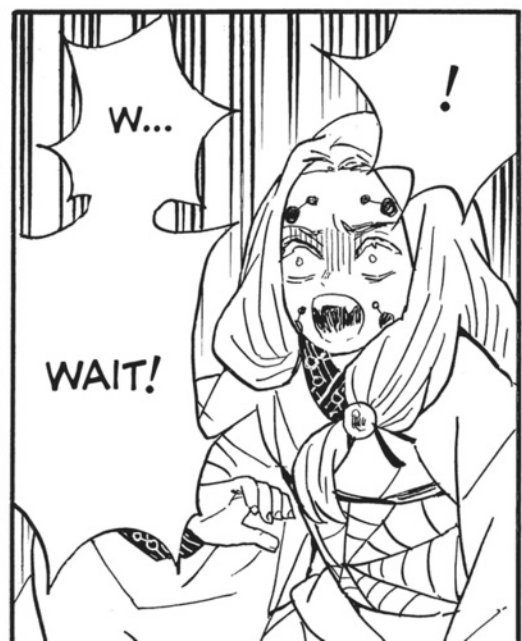
THEIRS IS A
TRUE **FAMILY
BOND!**



**DON'T
ABANDON
ME!**

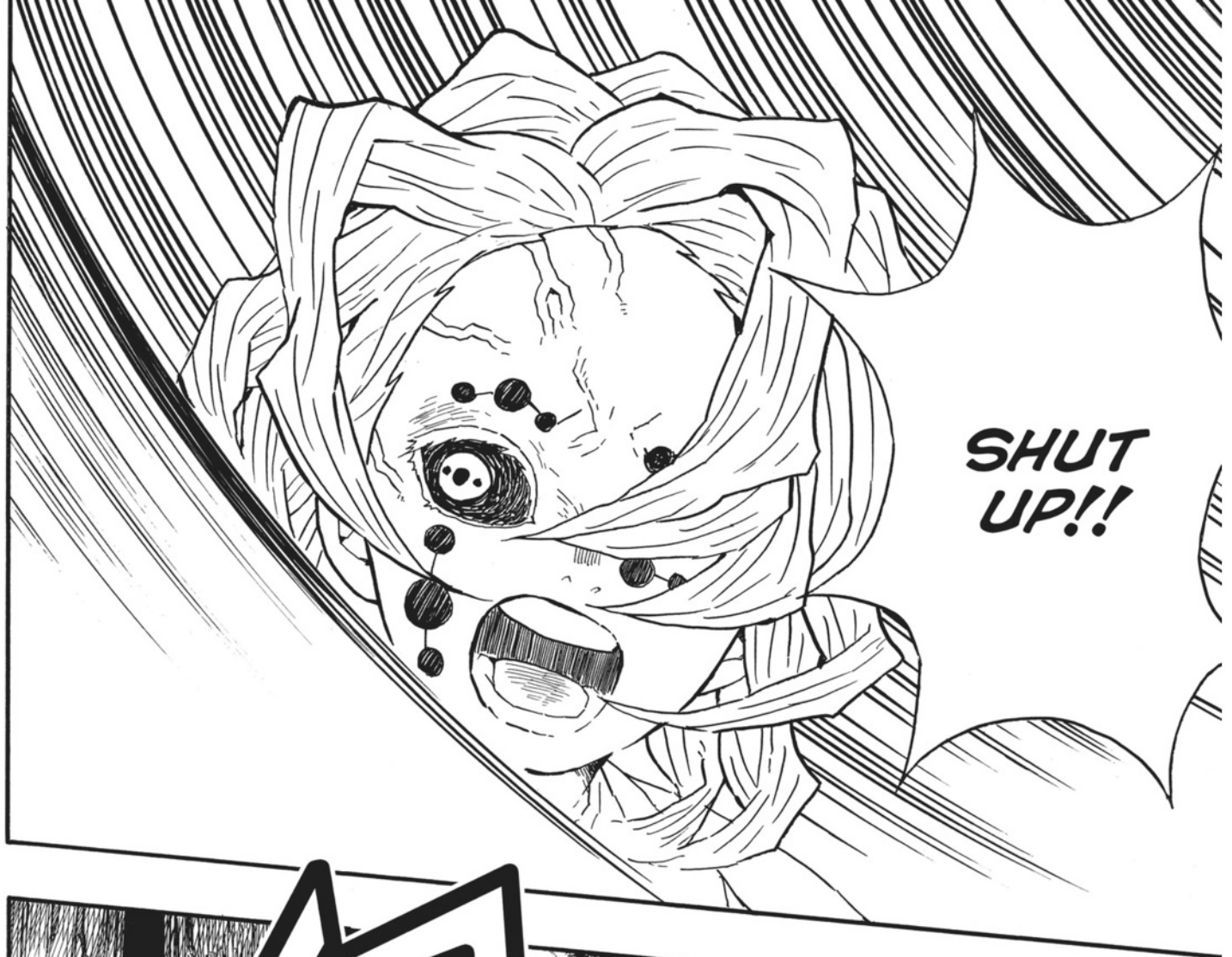
**PLEASE,
WAIT!**

**I'M YOUR
ELDER
SISTER!**



W...

WAIT!



**SHUT
UP!!**





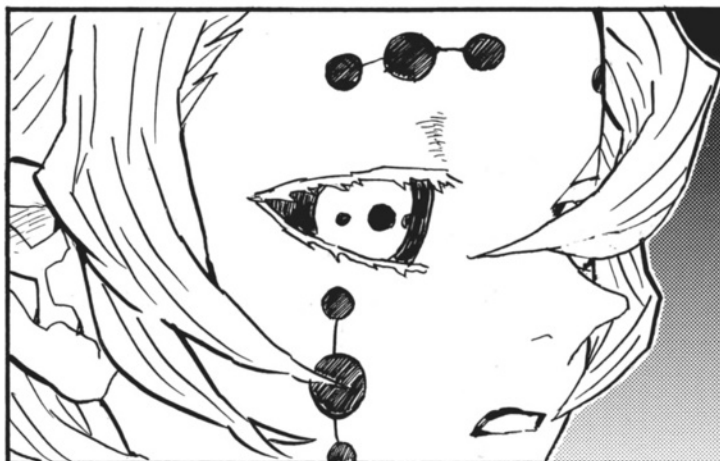


I UNDER-
STAND.
I'LL KILL
THEM.

I...

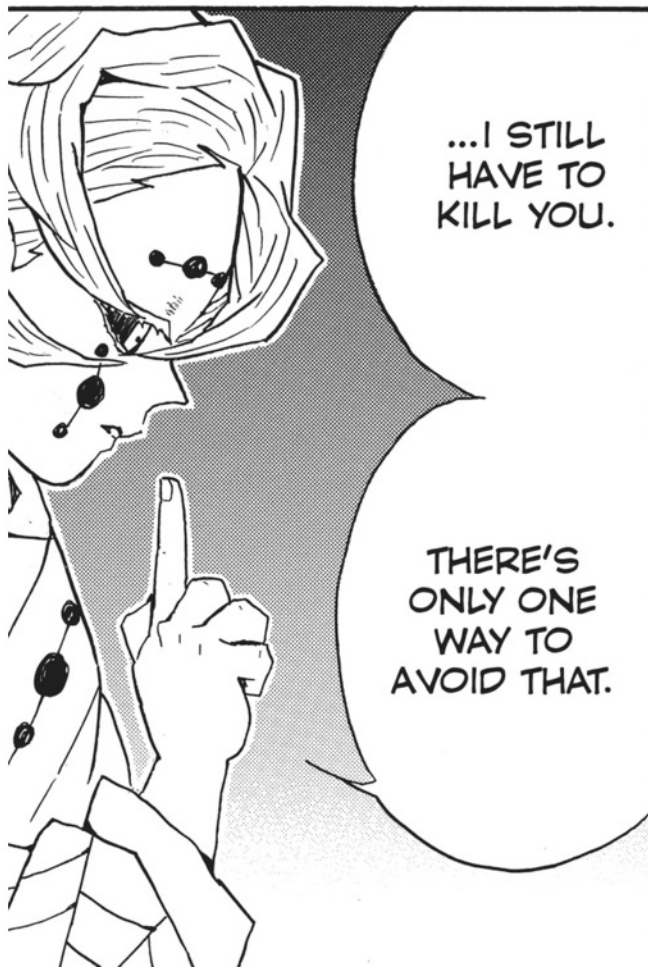
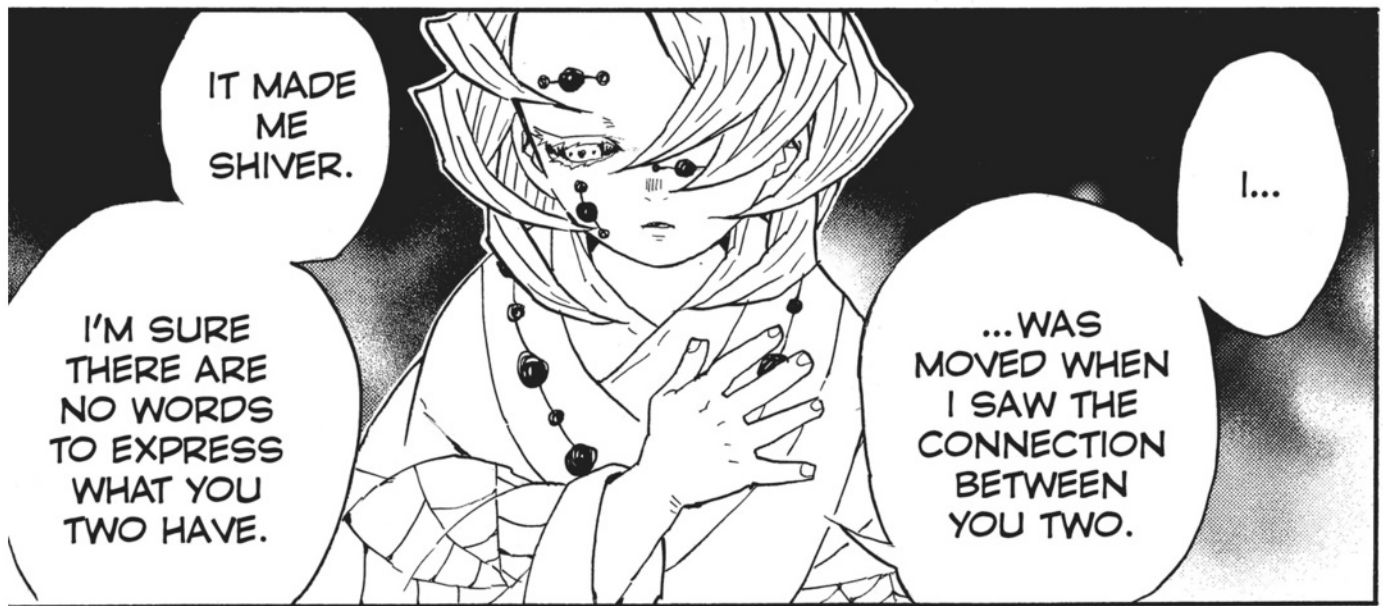


IF YOU DO,
THEN I'LL
FORGIVE
ALL YOUR
SHORT-
COMINGS.



...LET'S
TALK.

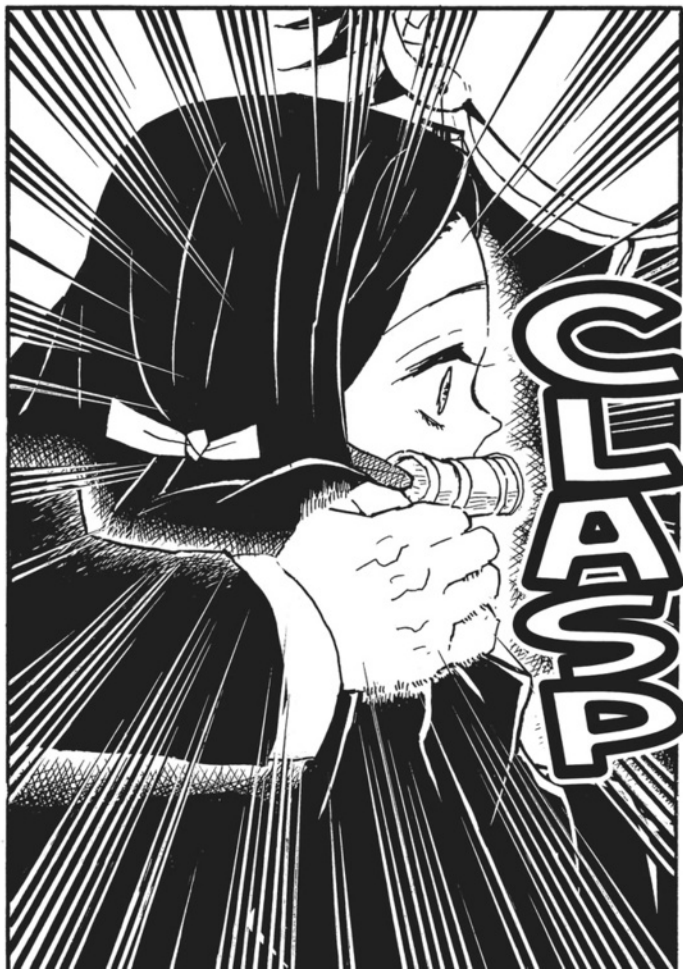
BOY...





IF YOU
HAND
HER OVER
QUIETLY,
I'LL SPARE
YOUR LIFE.

GIVE ME
YOUR
SISTER.



SWAP



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.



AS OF
NOW, I
WANT YOUR
SISTER
TO BE *MY*
SISTER.



IT'S ALL
RIGHT. DON'T
WORRY. I'LL
FORGE A
BOND. I'M
STRONGER...

...SO
IT WILL
START AS
A BOND
OF FEAR.
SHE'LL
KNOW...

...WHAT
WILL
HAPPEN
TO HER
IF SHE
DISOBEYS.



THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
ACCEPT
THAT!

BESIDES,
NEZUKO
ISN'T A
THING!
SHE HAS
FEELINGS
AND FREE
WILL!

SHE
WON'T
BE YOUR
SISTER!



ARE YOU
INSANE?
USING
FEAR...



AS LONG
AS YOU
THINK LIKE
THAT, YOU'LL
NEVER GET
WHAT YOU
WANT!

...TO BIND
SOMEONE
IS
NOTHING
LIKE A
FAMILIAL
TIE!

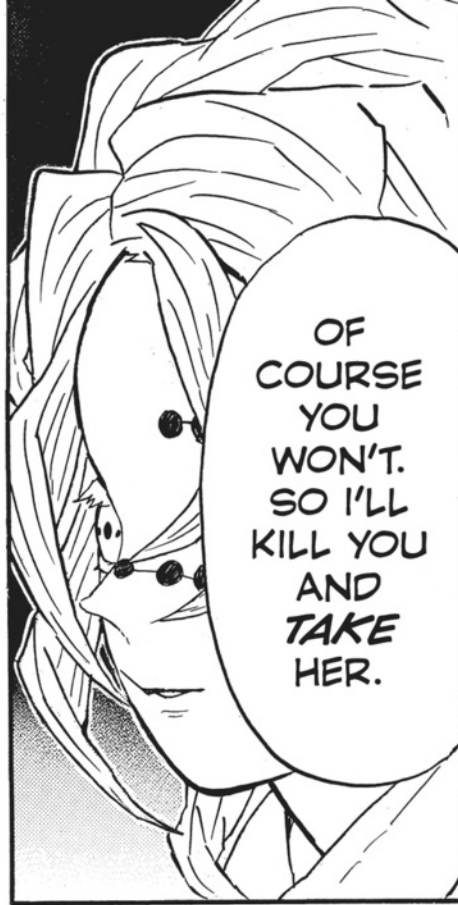
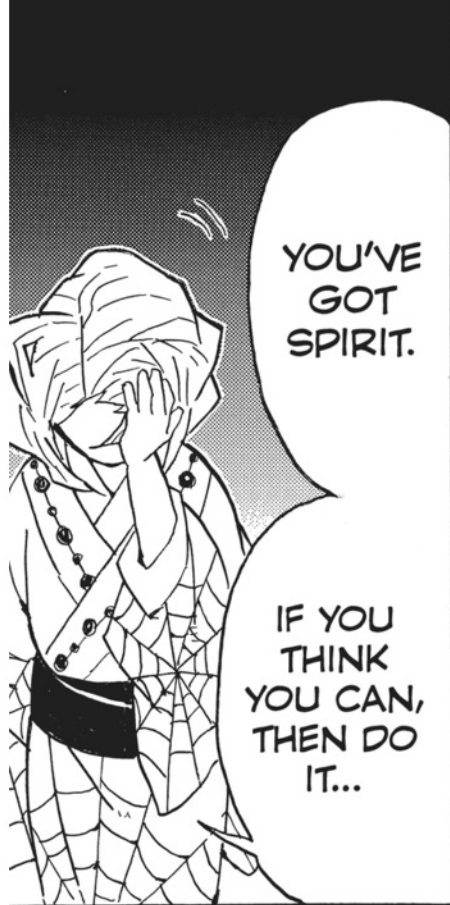


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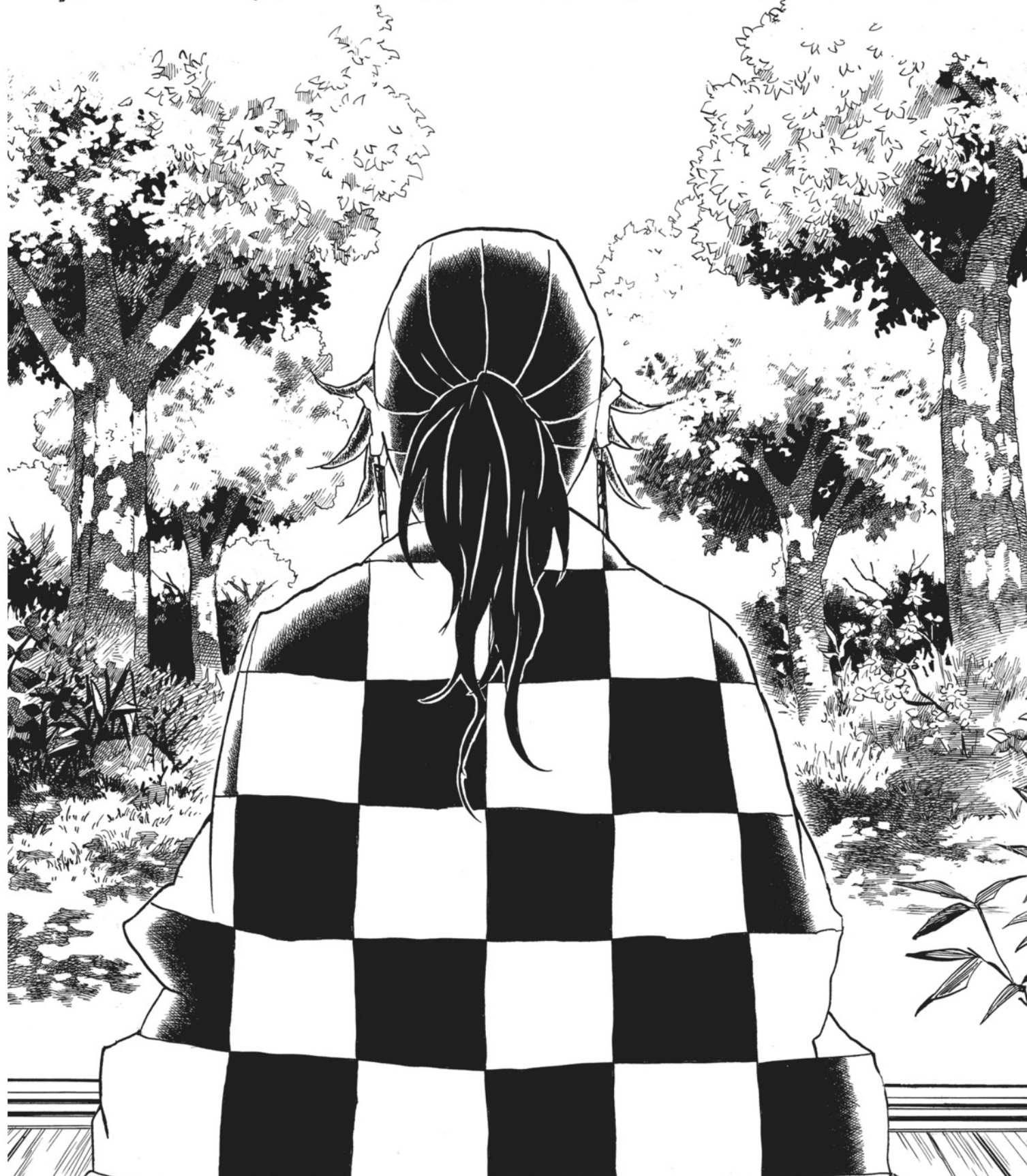
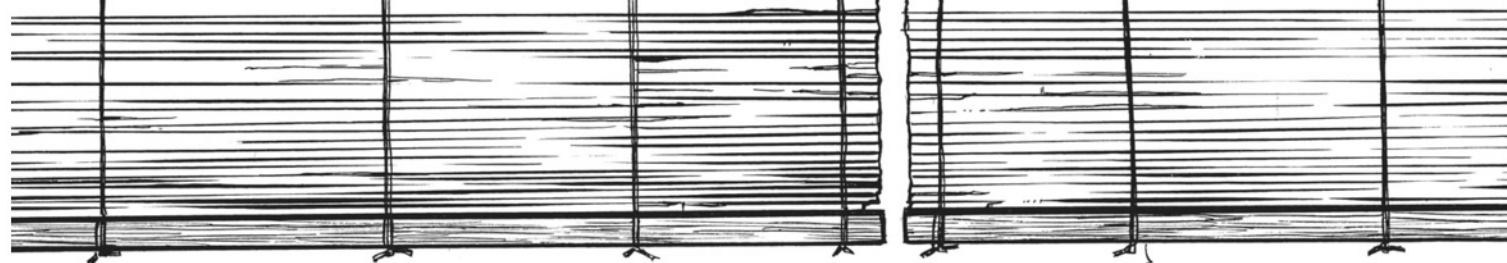
I'LL NEVER
GIVE
NEZUKO
TO YOU!

I DON'T
LIKE
YOU.

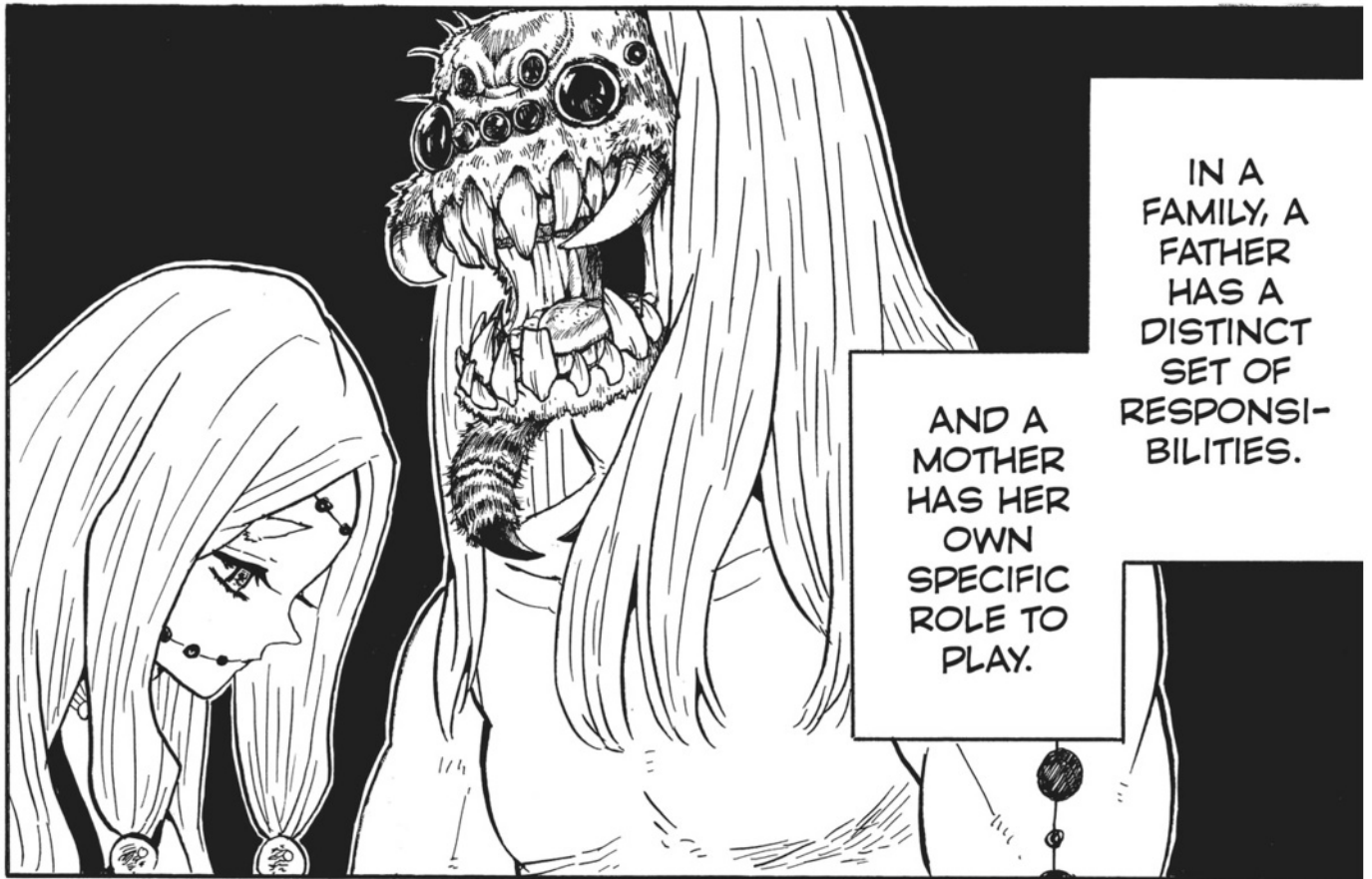
YOU'RE
SO LOUD.
IT'S VERY
ANNOYING.





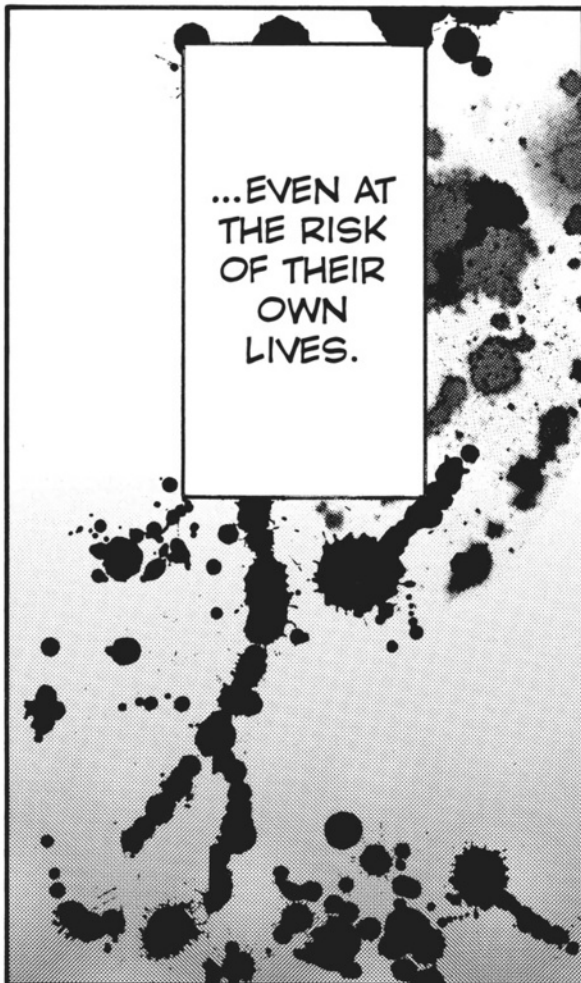


CHAPTER 39: LIFE PASSING BEFORE ONE'S EYES



IN A
FAMILY, A
FATHER
HAS A
DISTINCT
SET OF
RESPONSI-
BILITIES.

AND A
MOTHER
HAS HER
OWN
SPECIFIC
ROLE TO
PLAY.

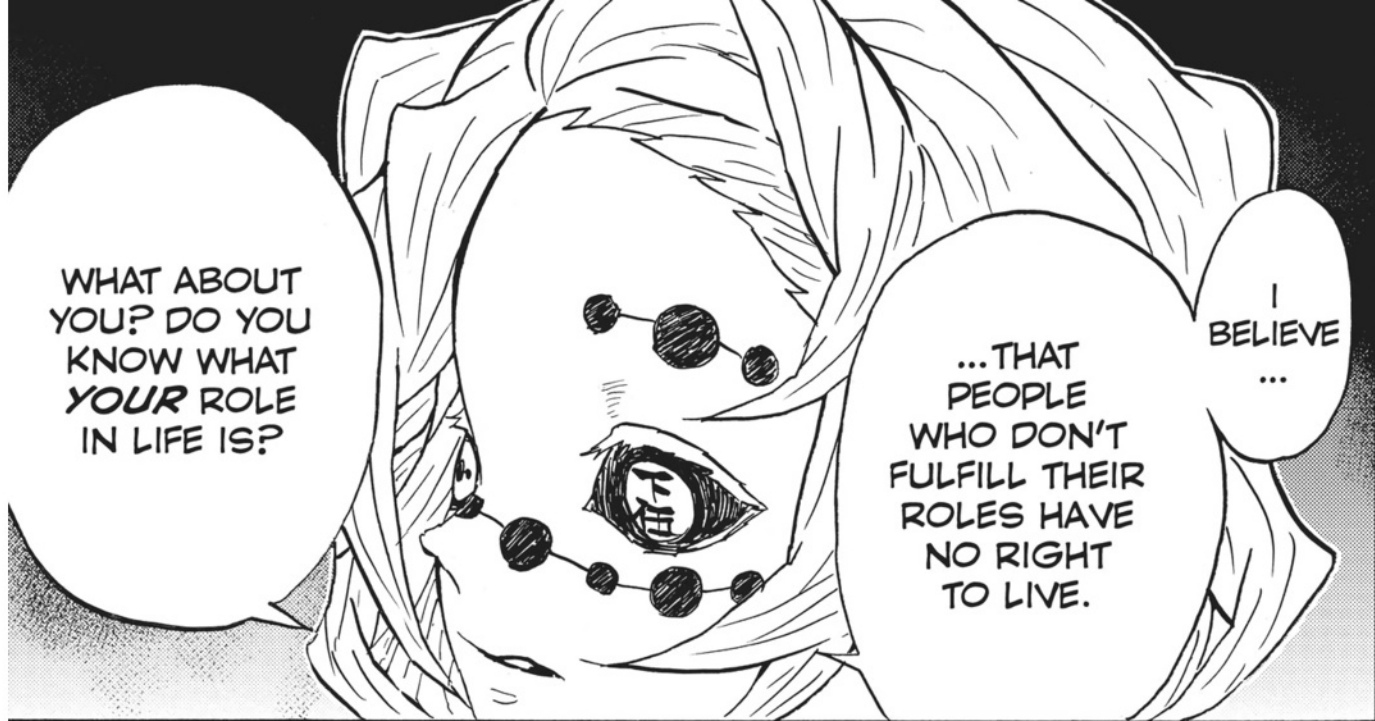


...EVEN AT
THE RISK
OF THEIR
OWN
LIVES.



PARENTS
MUST
PROTECT
THEIR
CHILDREN
...

...AND THE
ELDER
CHILDREN
MUST
PROTECT
THEIR
YOUNGER
SIBLINGS...



WHAT ABOUT YOU? DO YOU KNOW WHAT *YOUR* ROLE IN LIFE IS?

...THAT PEOPLE WHO DON'T FULFILL THEIR ROLES HAVE NO RIGHT TO LIVE.

I BELIEVE ...



BECAUSE YOU CAN'T WIN.

IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT... YOU MUST DIE!

YOUR ROLE IS TO GIVE YOUR SISTER TO ME, THEN DISAPPEAR.



HOW FOOLISH.

I DON'T LIKE THAT BURNING GLARE IN YOUR EYES.

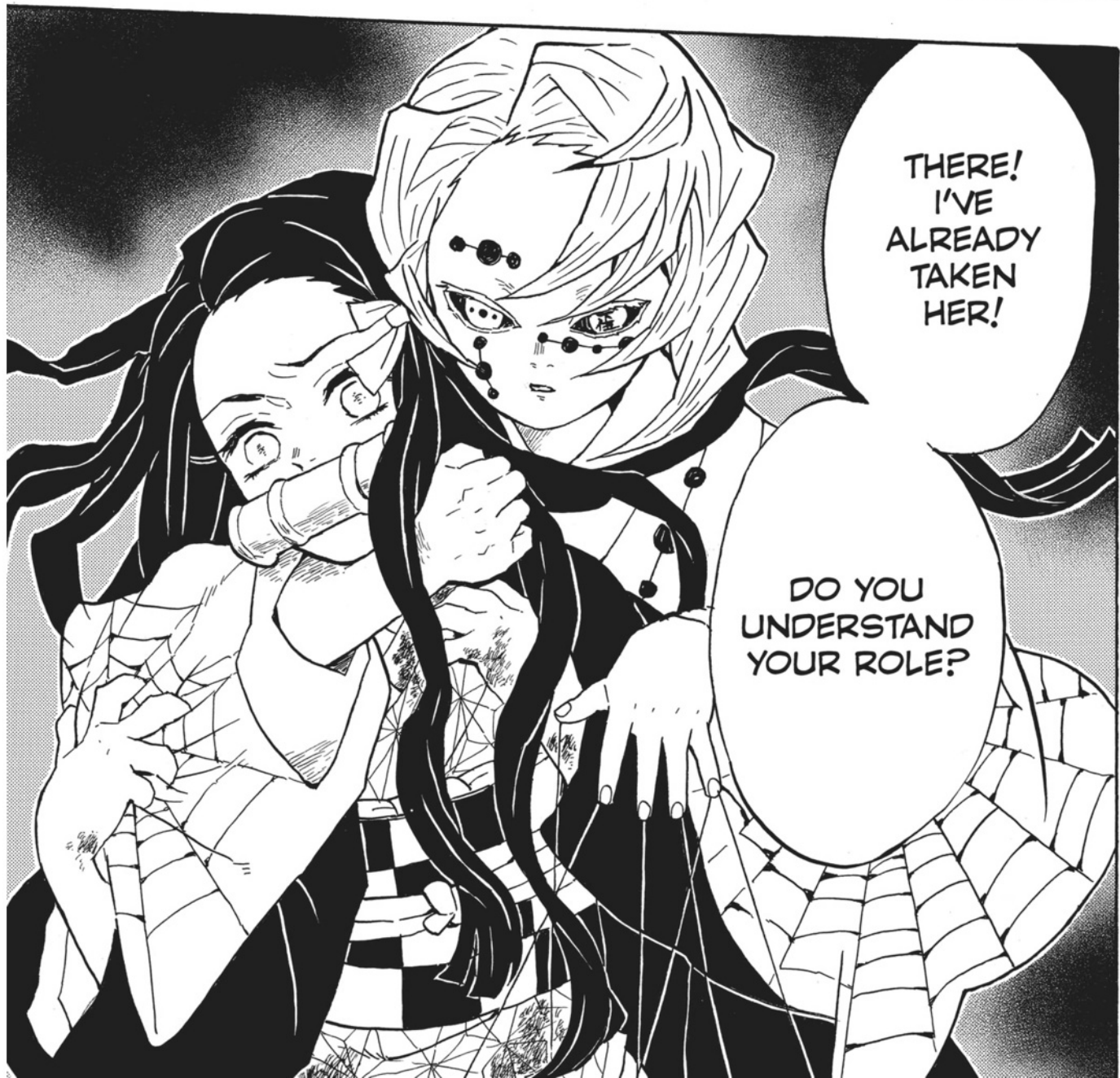
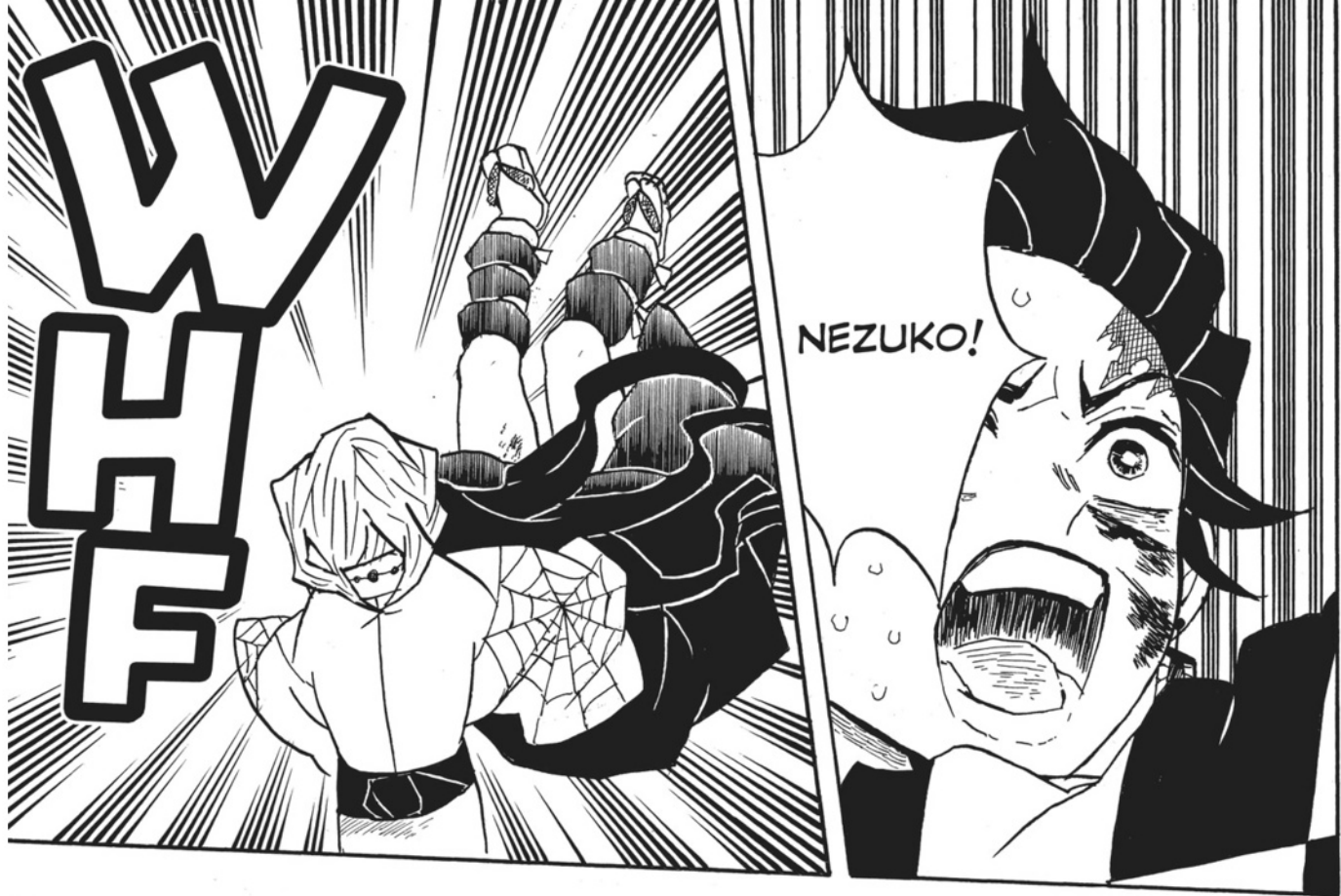
COULD IT BE...



IS HIS NECK TOUGHER THAN HIS SILK...?

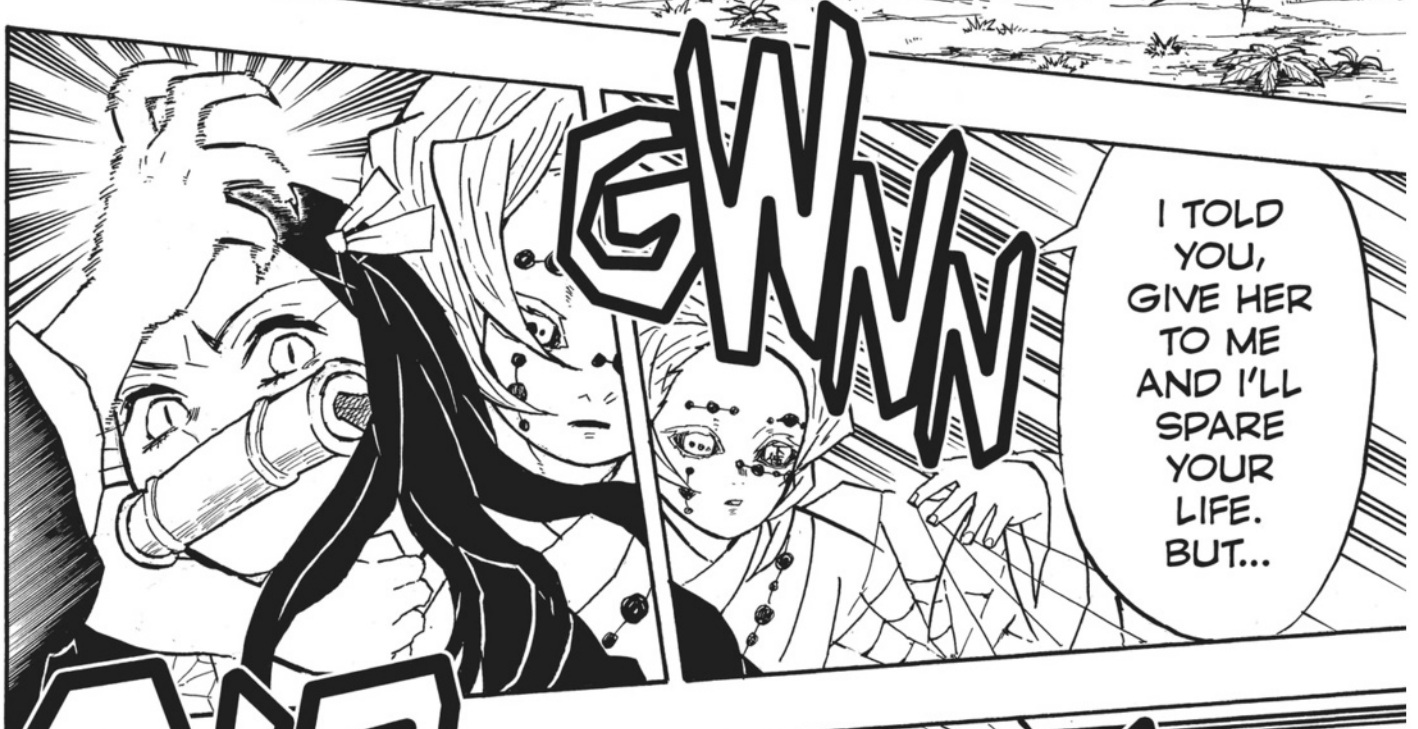
I COULDN'T CUT HIS WEBS. WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BROKEN SWORD?







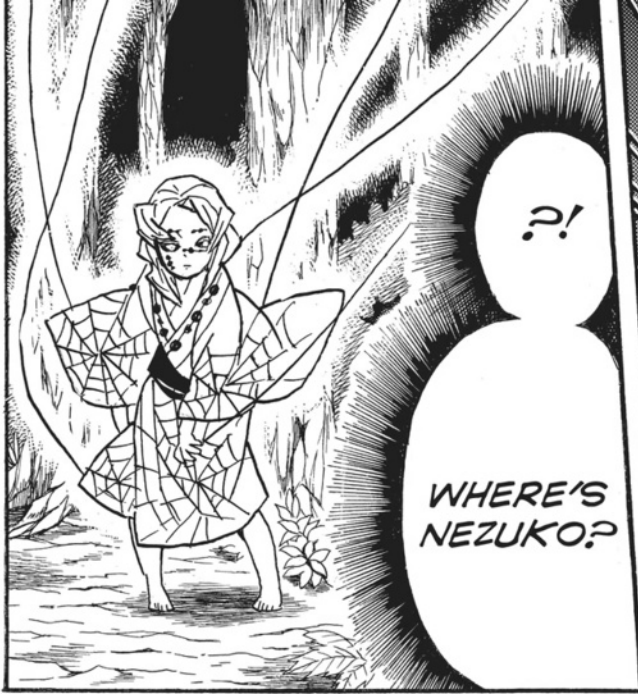
LET HER
GO!

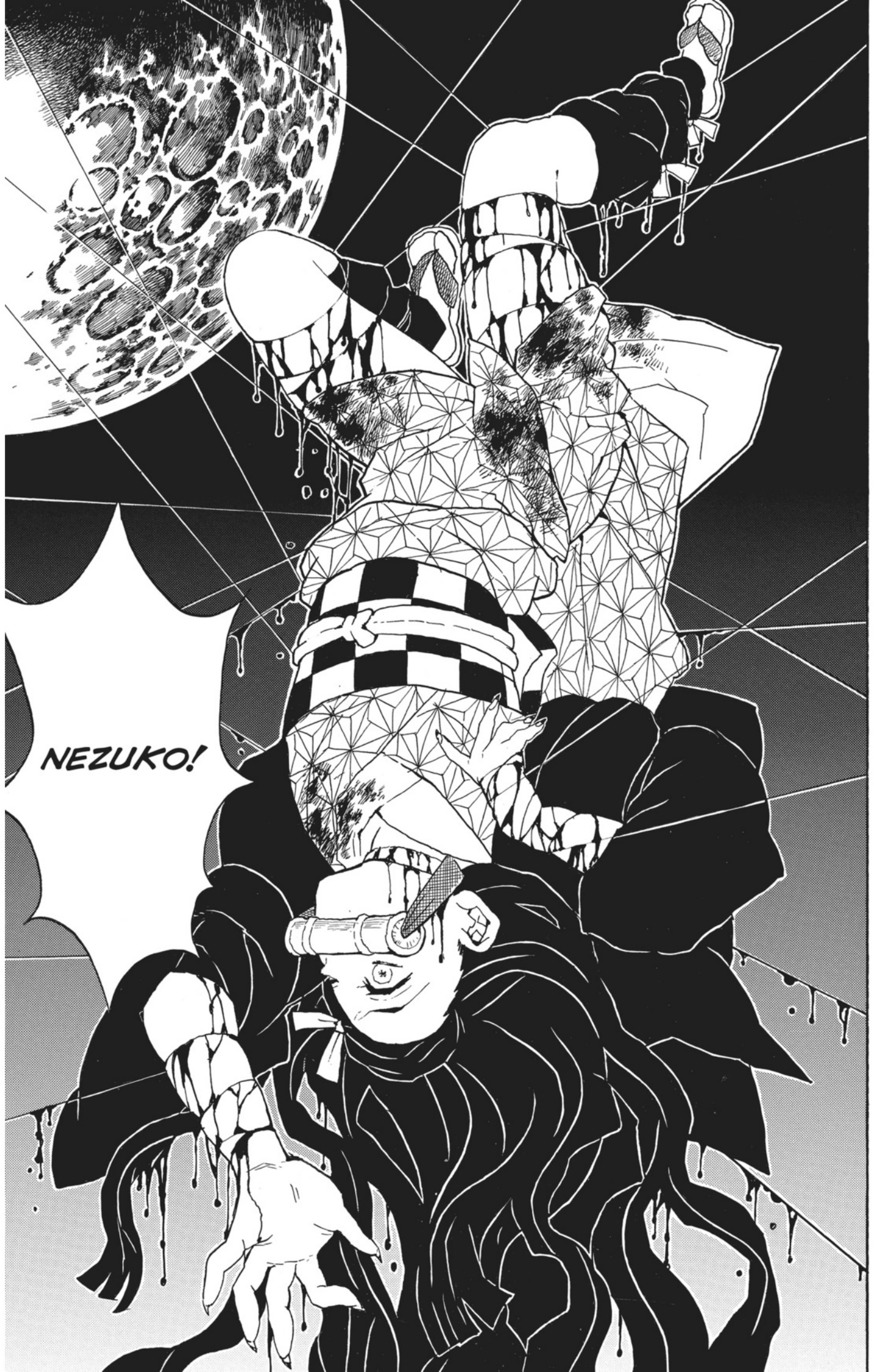


I TOLD
YOU,
GIVE HER
TO ME
AND I'LL
SPARE
YOUR
LIFE.
BUT...

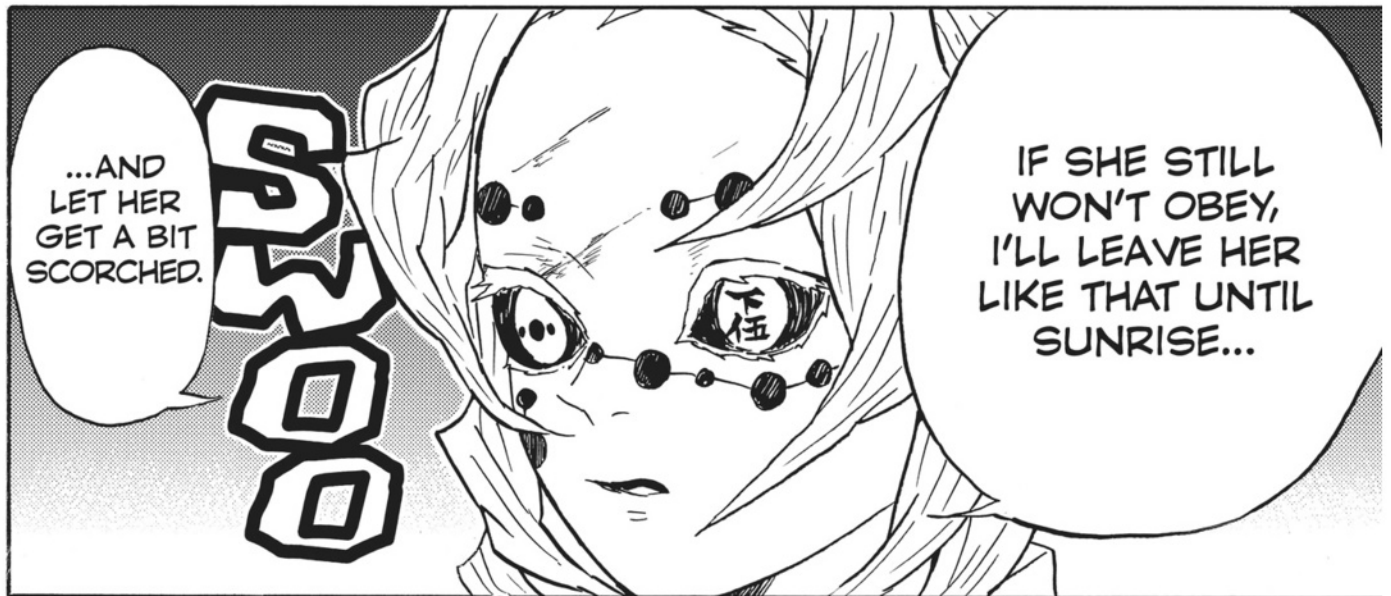
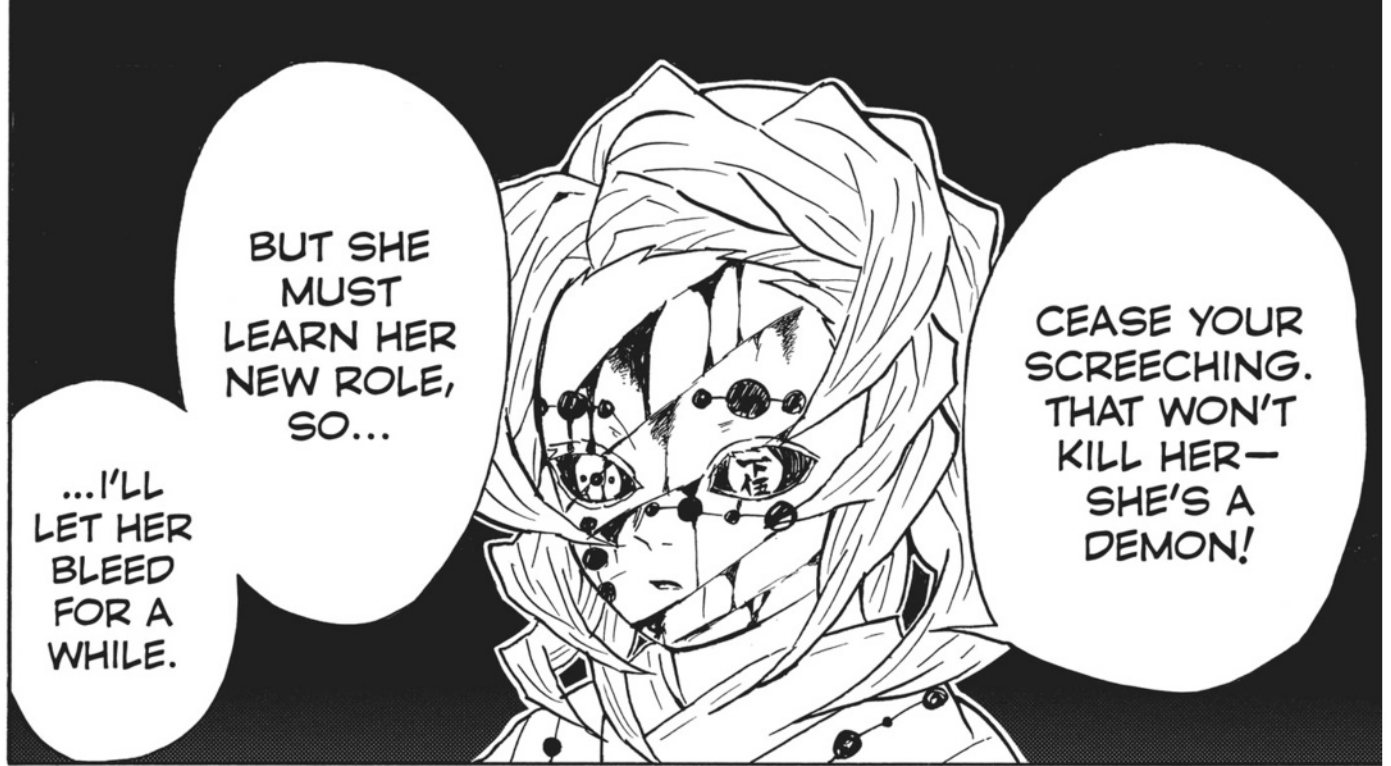


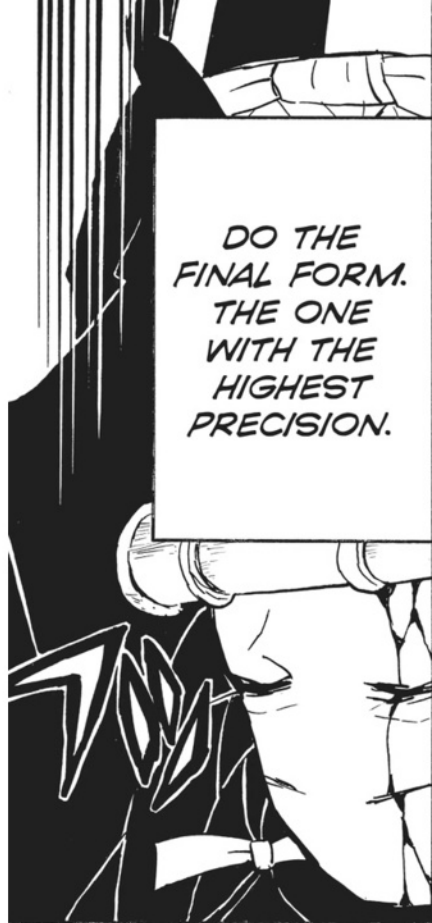




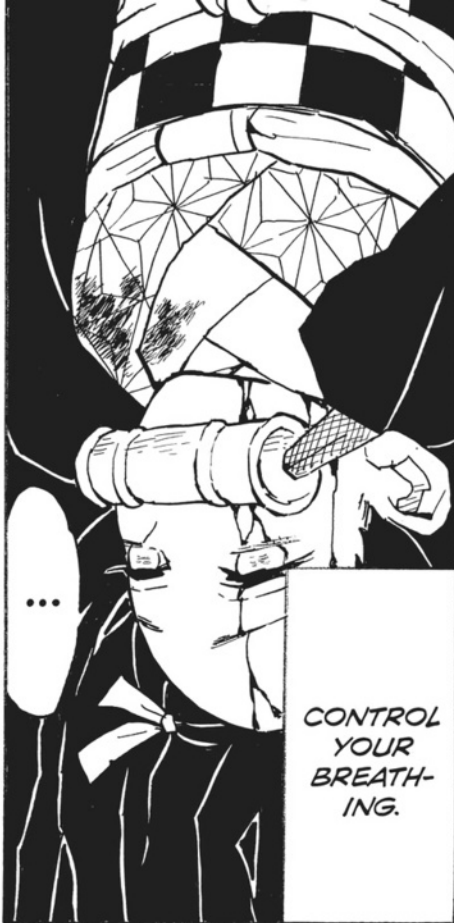


NEZUKO!

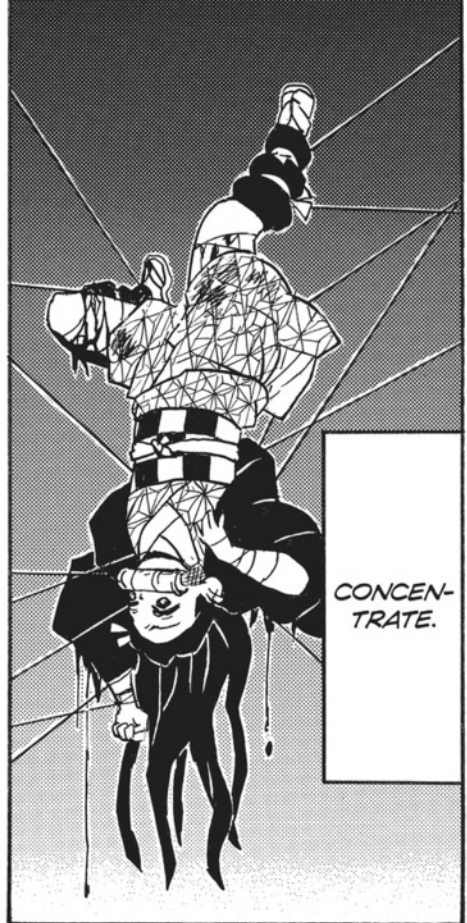




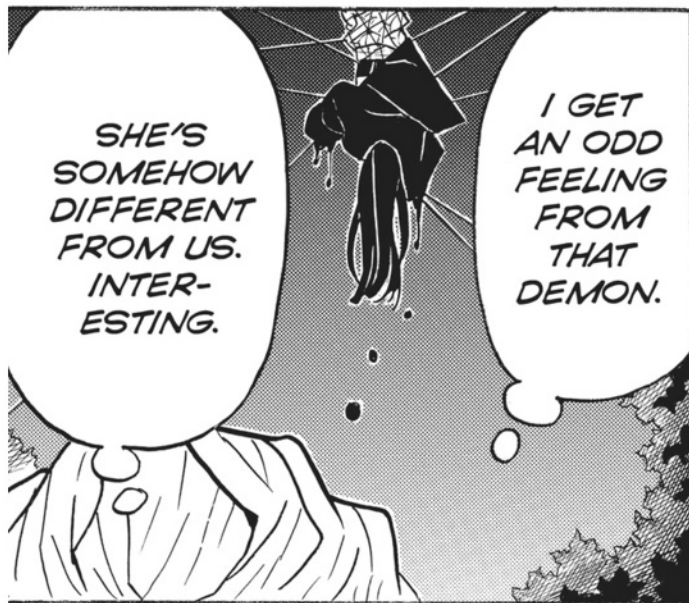
DO THE
FINAL FORM.
THE ONE
WITH THE
HIGHEST
PRECISION.



...
CONTROL
YOUR
BREATH-
ING.

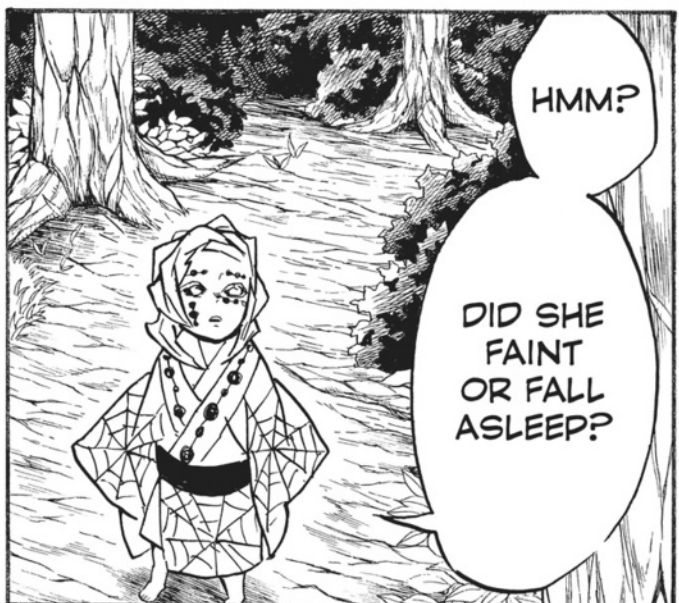


CONCEN-
TRATE.



SHE'S
SOMEHOW
DIFFERENT
FROM US.
INTER-
ESTING.

I GET
AN ODD
FEELING
FROM
THAT
DEMON.



HMM?

DID SHE
FAINT
OR FALL
ASLEEP?

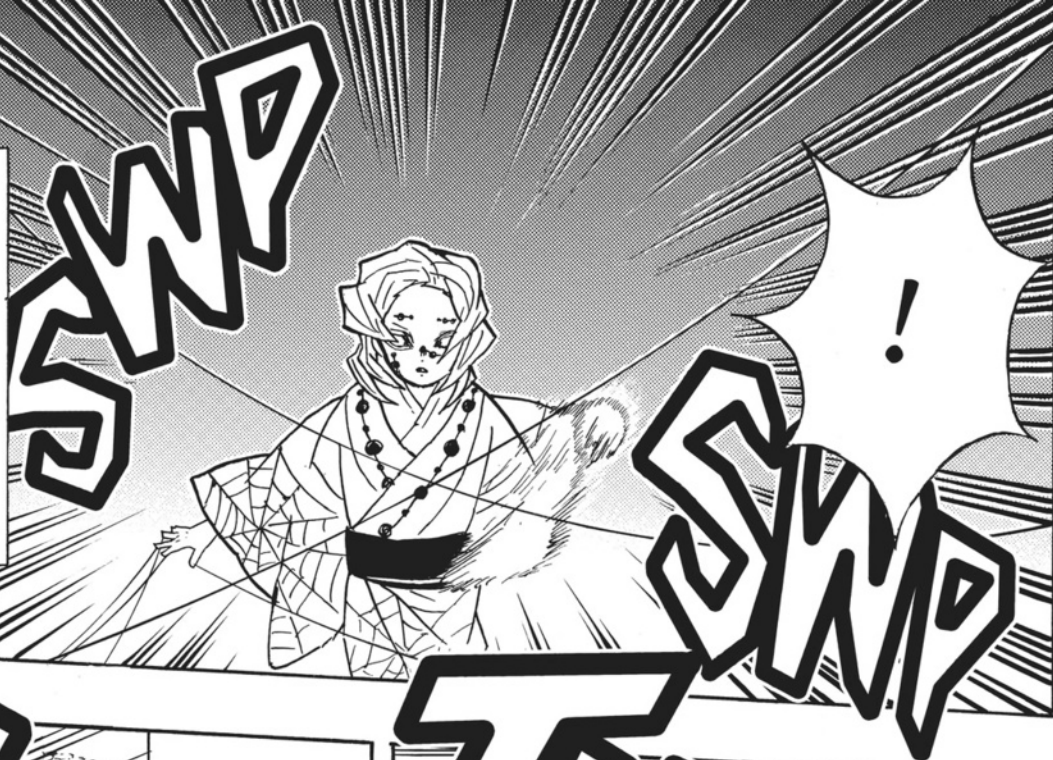


TOTAL
CONCENTRATION:
WATER
BREATHING

**CONSTANT
FLUX!**



CONSTANT
FLUX.
IN THIS
TECHNIQUE
I SPIN
LIKE A
WRITHING
DRAGON...



W

...THE
SECOND
BLOW
STRONGER
THAN THE
FIRST...

TM

...MAKING A
SERIES OF
STRIKES...

...AND
THE THIRD
STRONGER
THAN THE
SECOND...

SH

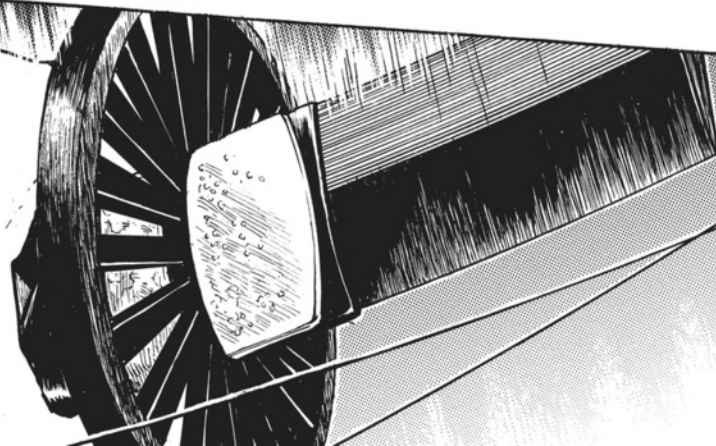
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W



SH

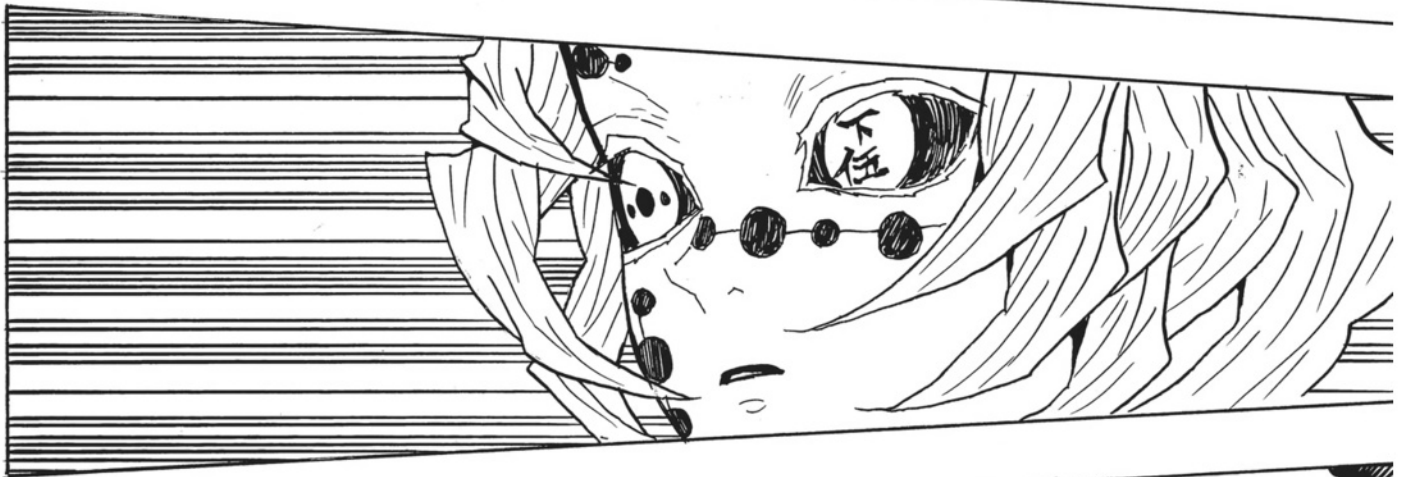
...AND THE
FOURTH
STRONGER
YET!



EACH
TIME I
SPIN...

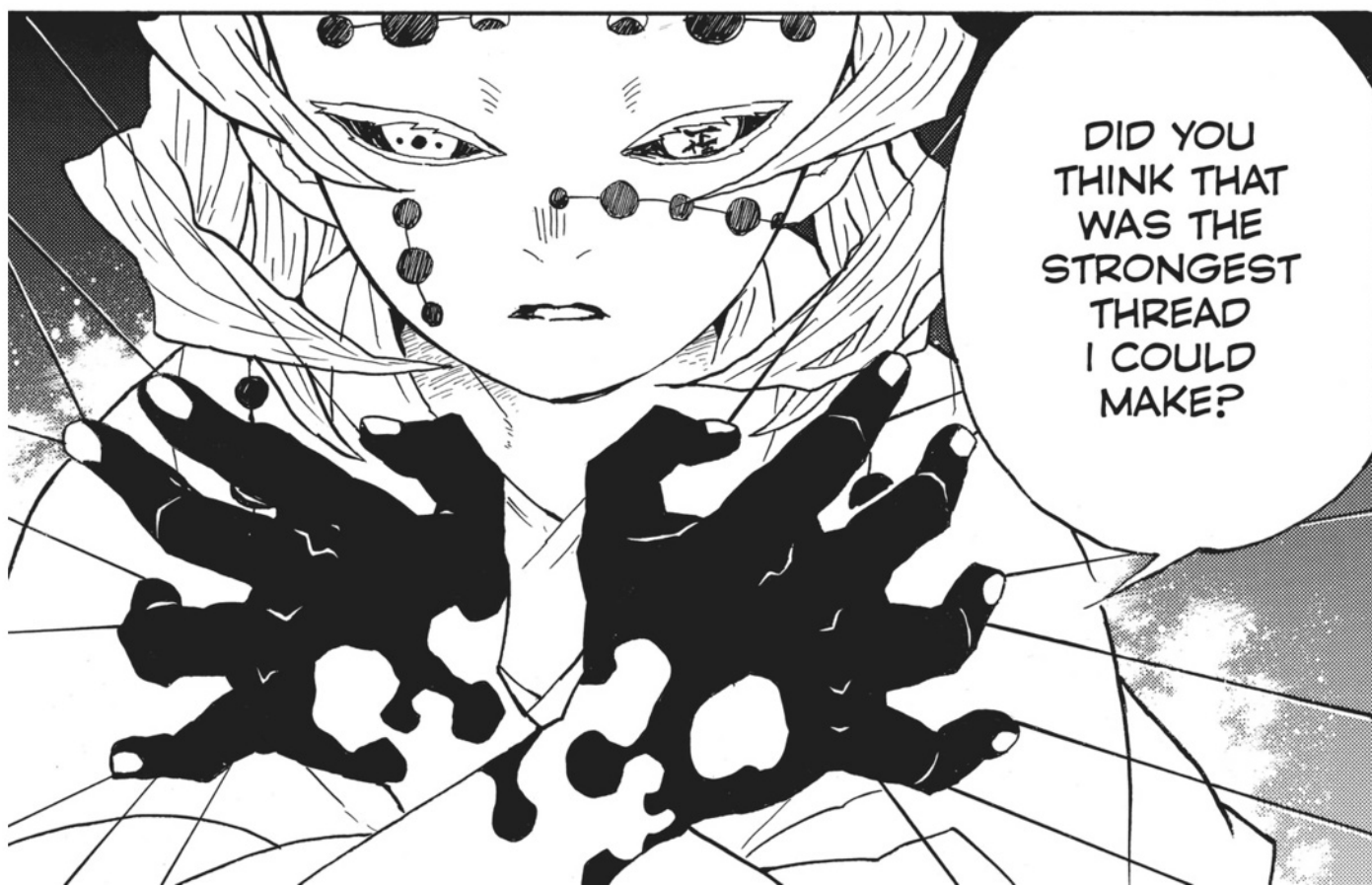
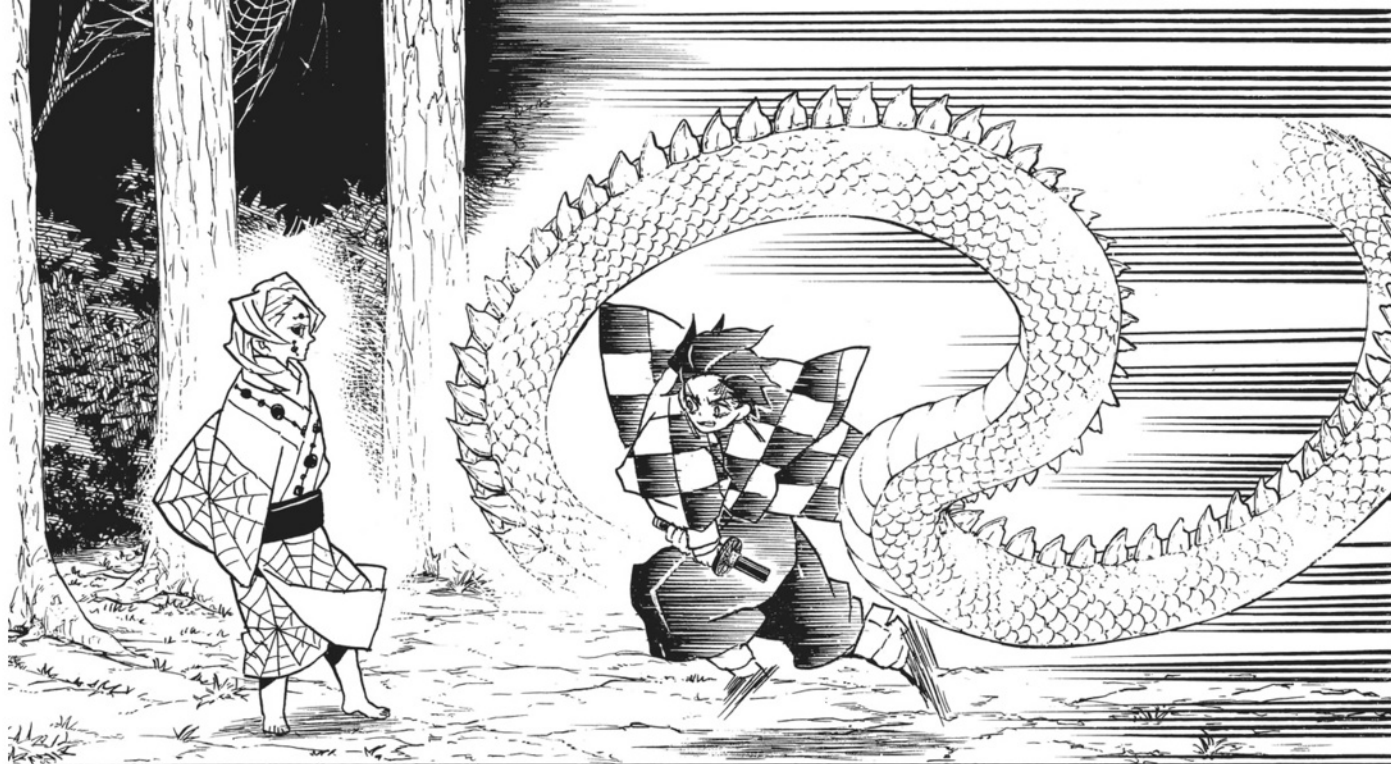


...THE
BLOW GETS
STRONGER.



...I CAN
WIN!

I CUT
IT! IF I
KEEP
GOING...





DEMON
BLOOD
ART:
CUTTING
THREAD
CAGE



GOOD-
BYE.

I'VE HAD
ENOUGH
OF YOU.

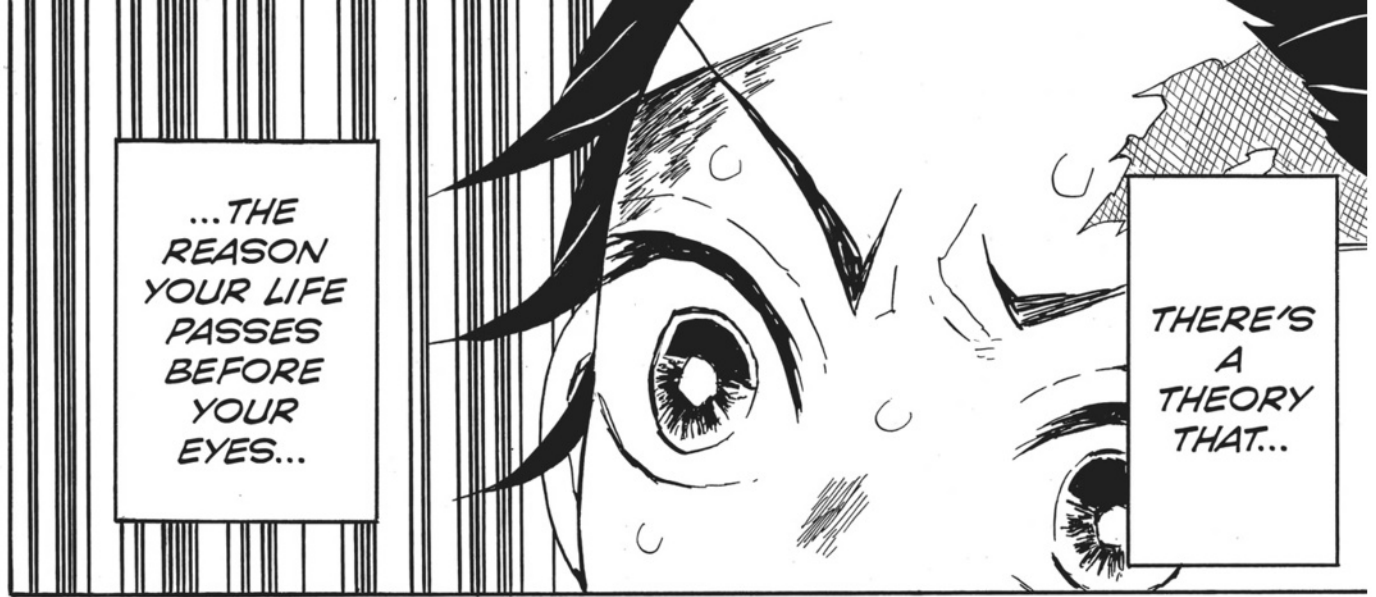
...

...
**THERE'S
NO WAY
I CAN
WIN...**

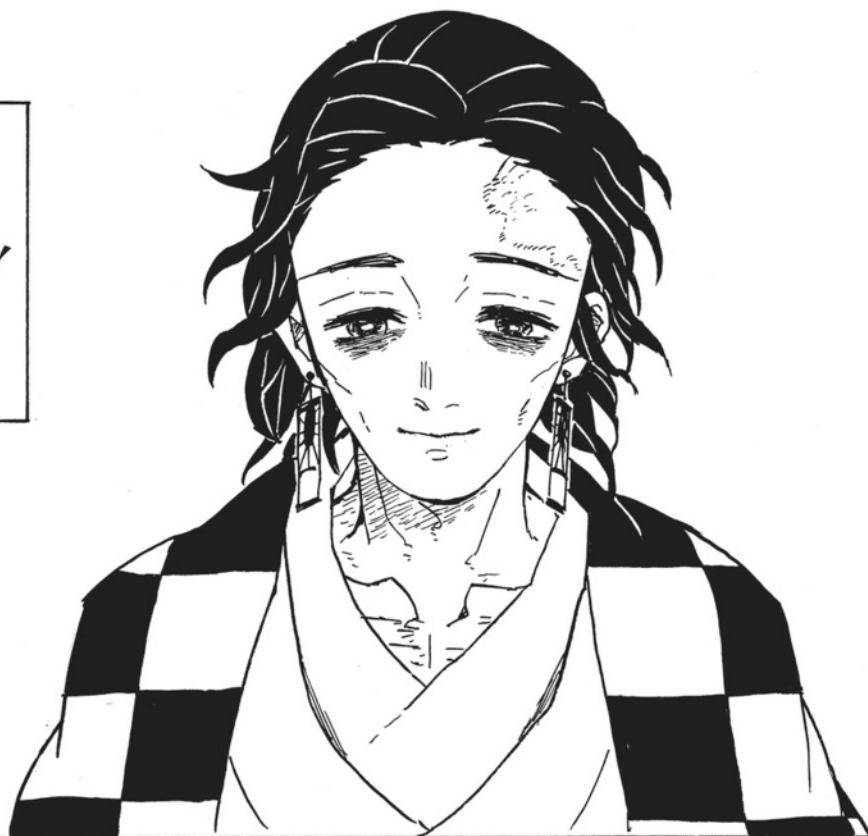
I CAN'T
GIVE UP. I
MUST KEEP
GOING...

***I'M
GOING
TO DIE!***

**I'M
GOING
TO DIE!**

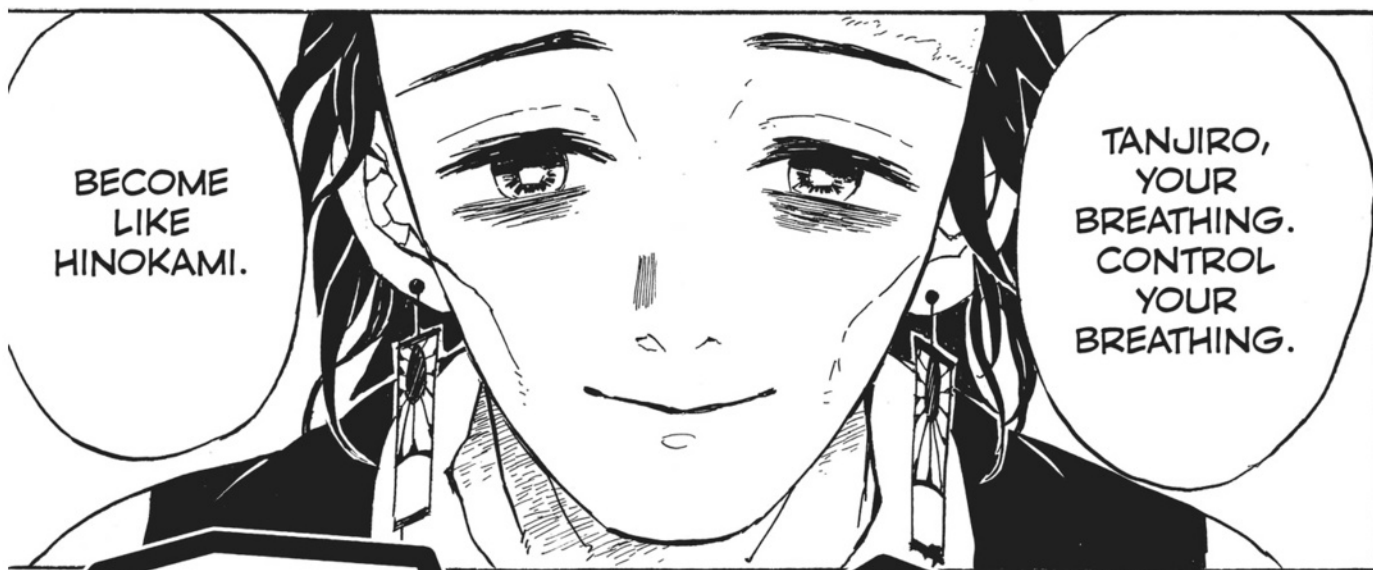


FATHER!



BECOME
LIKE
HINOKAMI.

TANJIRO,
YOUR
BREATHING.
CONTROL
YOUR
BREATHING.







CHAPTER 40: HINOKAMI





I BET MY
LUNGS
WOULD
FREEZE!

HOW DO YOU DO IT
DAD? HOW CAN YOU
DANCE FOR SO LONG
OUT IN THE SNOW?



...THAT LETS
YOU NEVER
GET TIRED NO
MATTER HOW
LONG YOU
MOVE.

THERE'S A
SPECIAL
WAY OF
BREATHING
...



YOU'LL
BE ABLE
TO DANCE
FOREVER
TOO!



IF YOU LEARN
HOW TO
BREATHE
PROPERLY,
TANJIRO,
YOU'LL BE FINE
OUT IN THE
COLD.



WEAR THEM
ALWAYS SO
YOU DON'T
LOSE
THEM.

TANJIRO, BE
SURE YOU HAVE
THESE EARRINGS
WHEN IT'S TIME
TO DO THE
KAGURA!

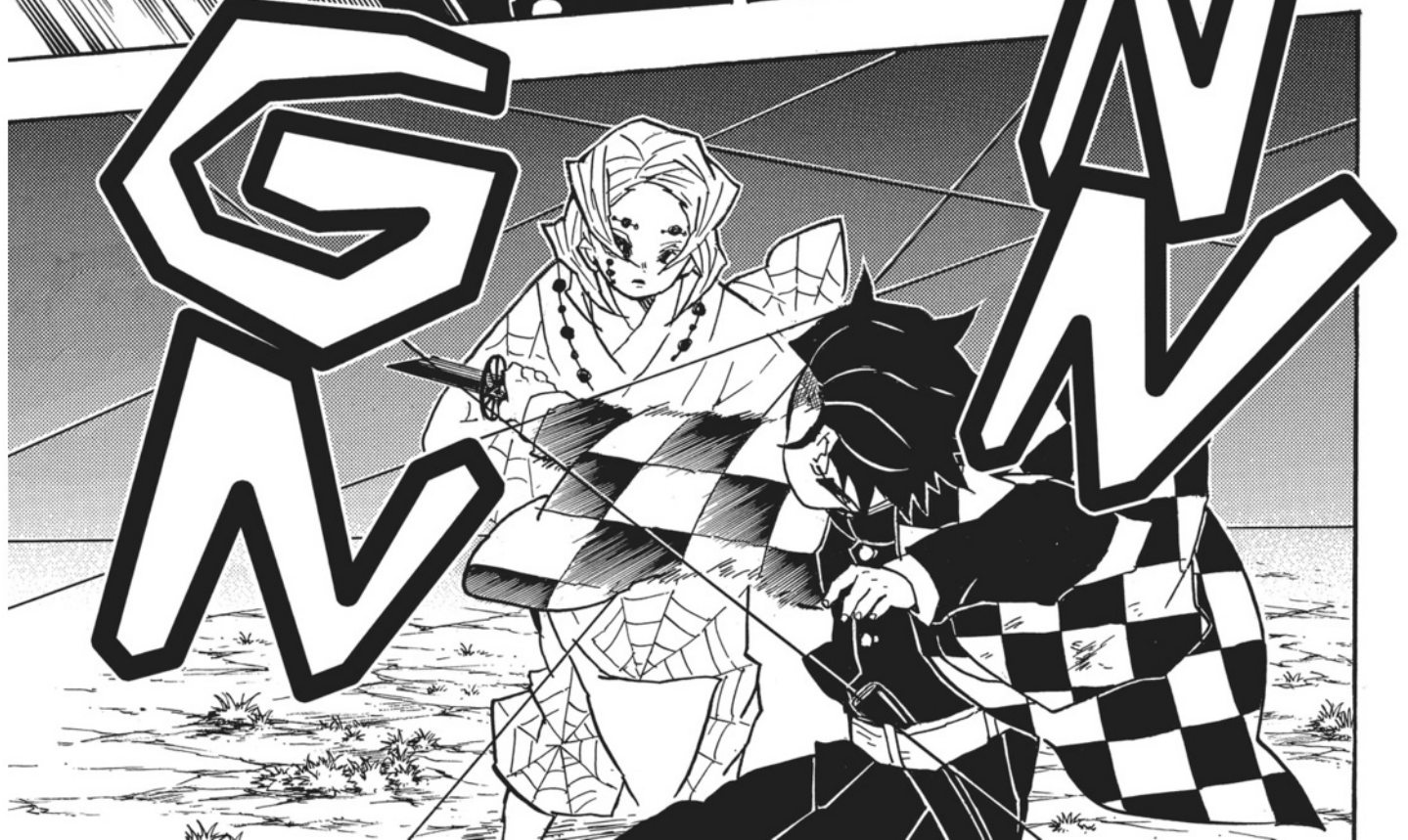
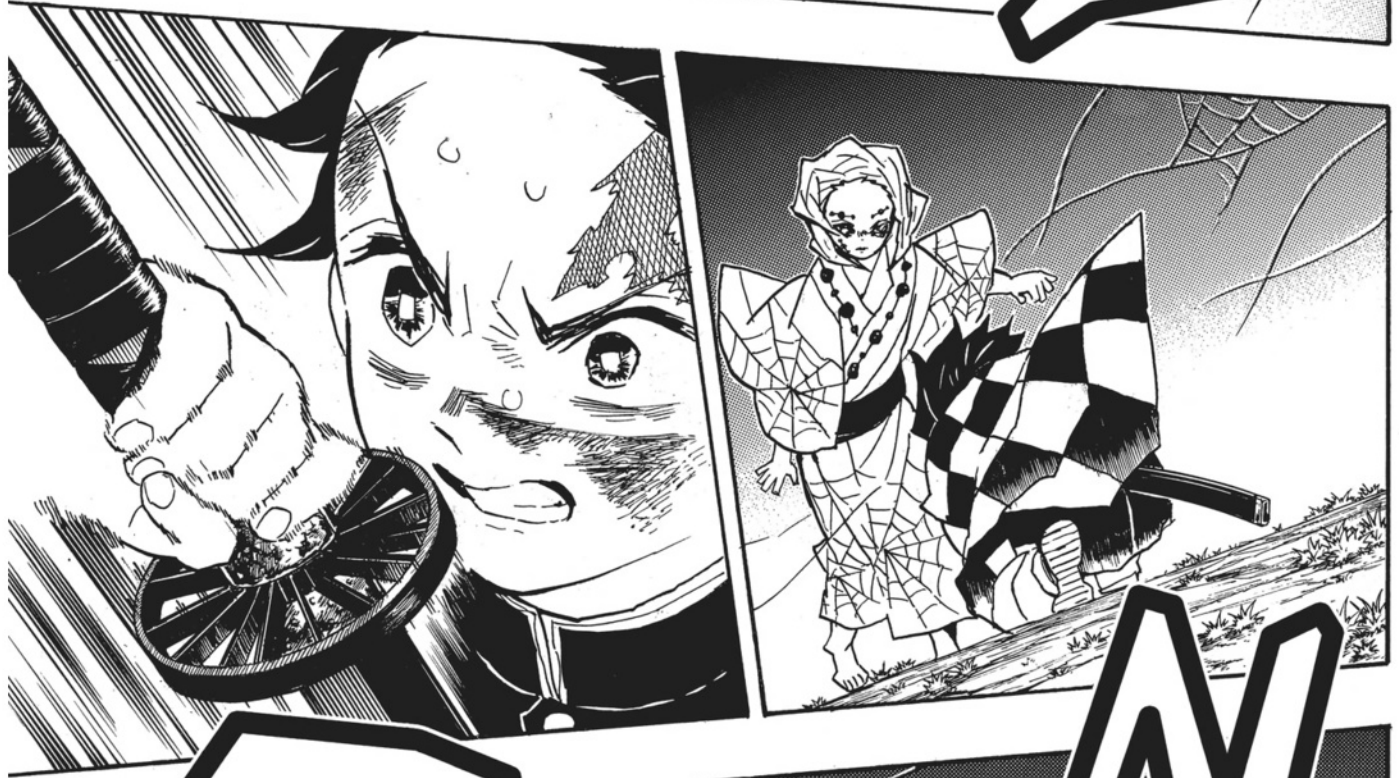
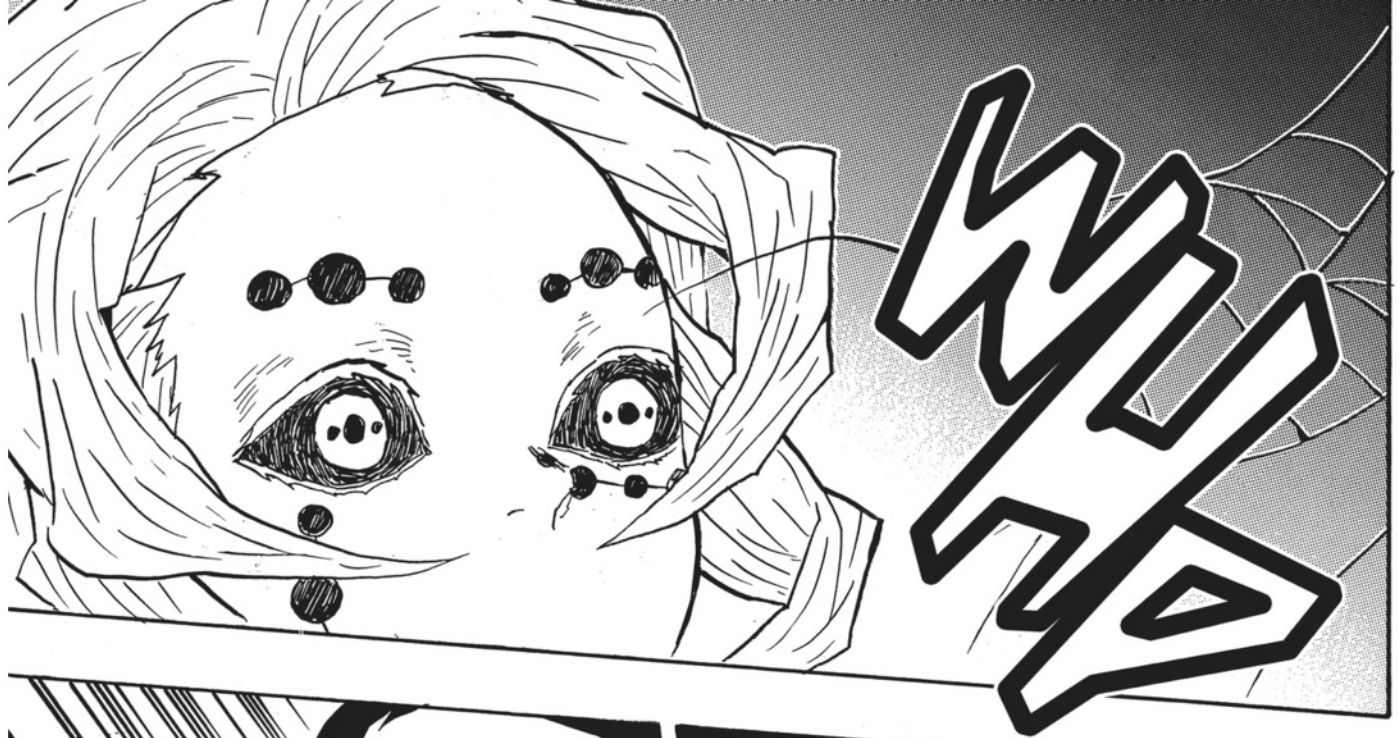
PROMISE
ME!





**HINOKAMI
KAGURA**

DANCE!



IN THE
BLINK OF
AN EYE HE
MADE NEW
ONES!

THE
THREADS
MOVE
LIKE
THEY'RE
ALIVE!

I'M GOING
TO PAY FOR
SWITCHING
FROM WATER
BREATHING
TO HINOKAMI
KAGURA
BREATHING.

I CAN'T
PULL
BACK
EVEN
FOR A
MOMENT!

SNITFF

IN A
MOMENT,
I MAY NOT
BE ABLE
TO MOVE!

PLING

**FORGIVE
ME...**

...FATHER.

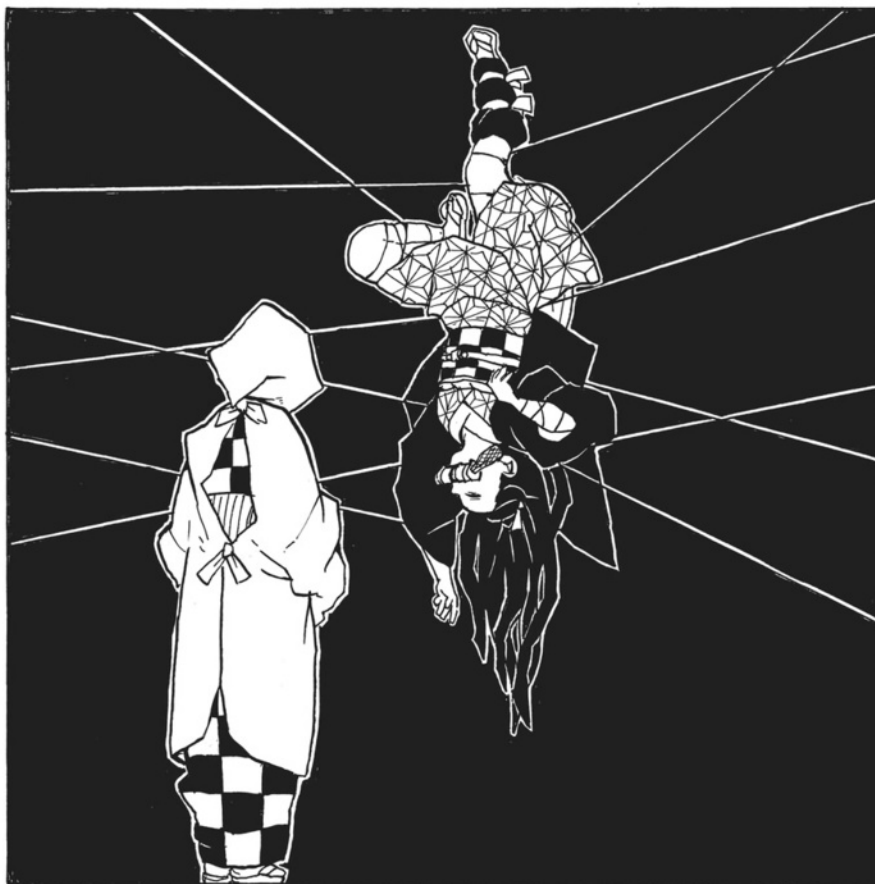
**ONLY
MY ARM
WILL
REACH
HIS
NECK!**

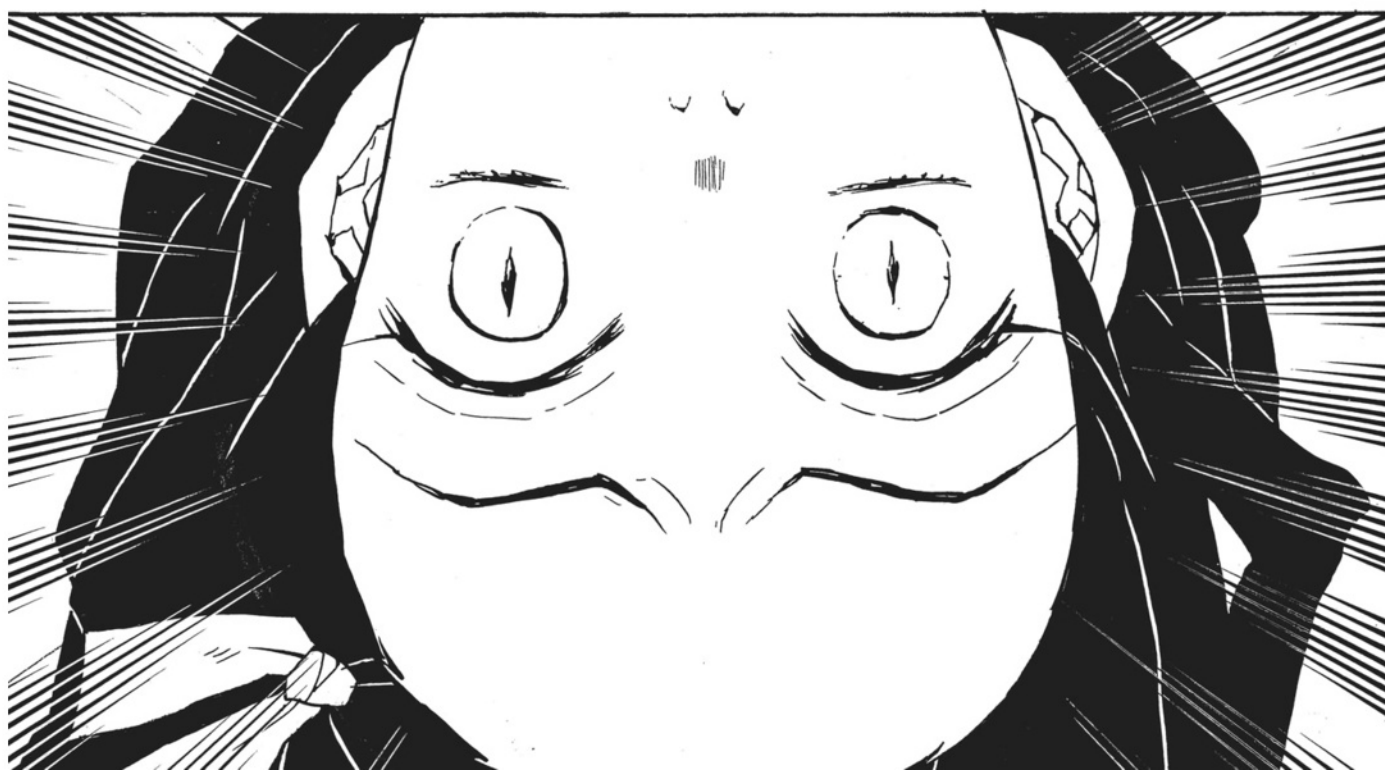
**I SAW IT—
THE OPENING
THREAD! I
HADN'T SEEN
IT UNTIL
NOW!**

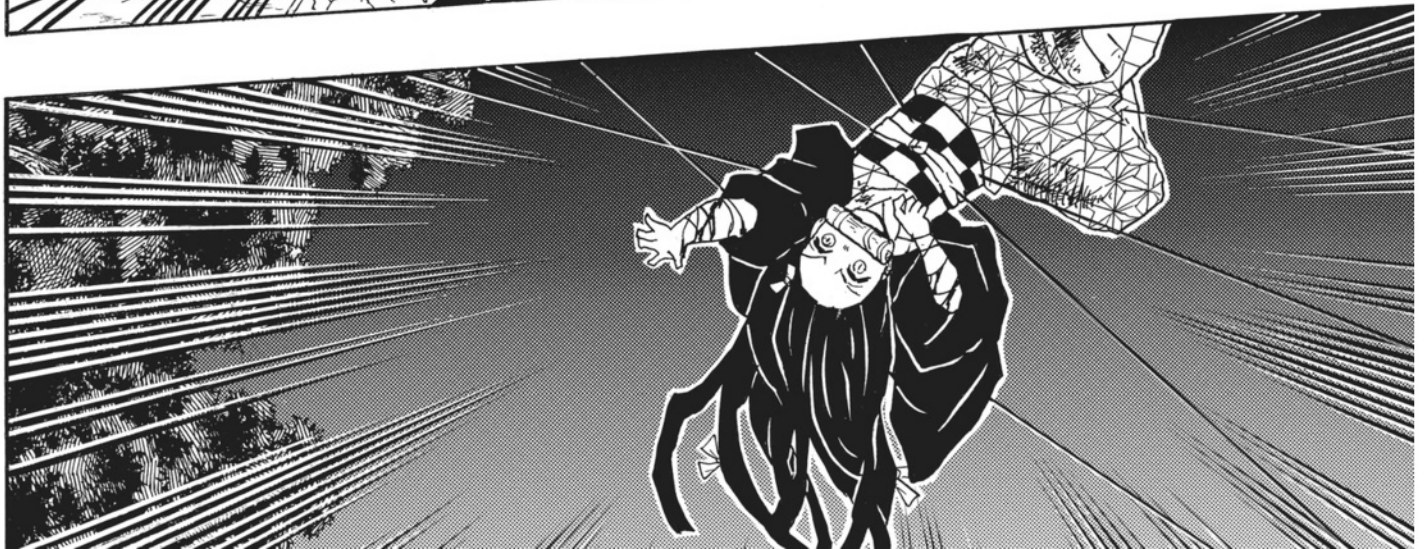
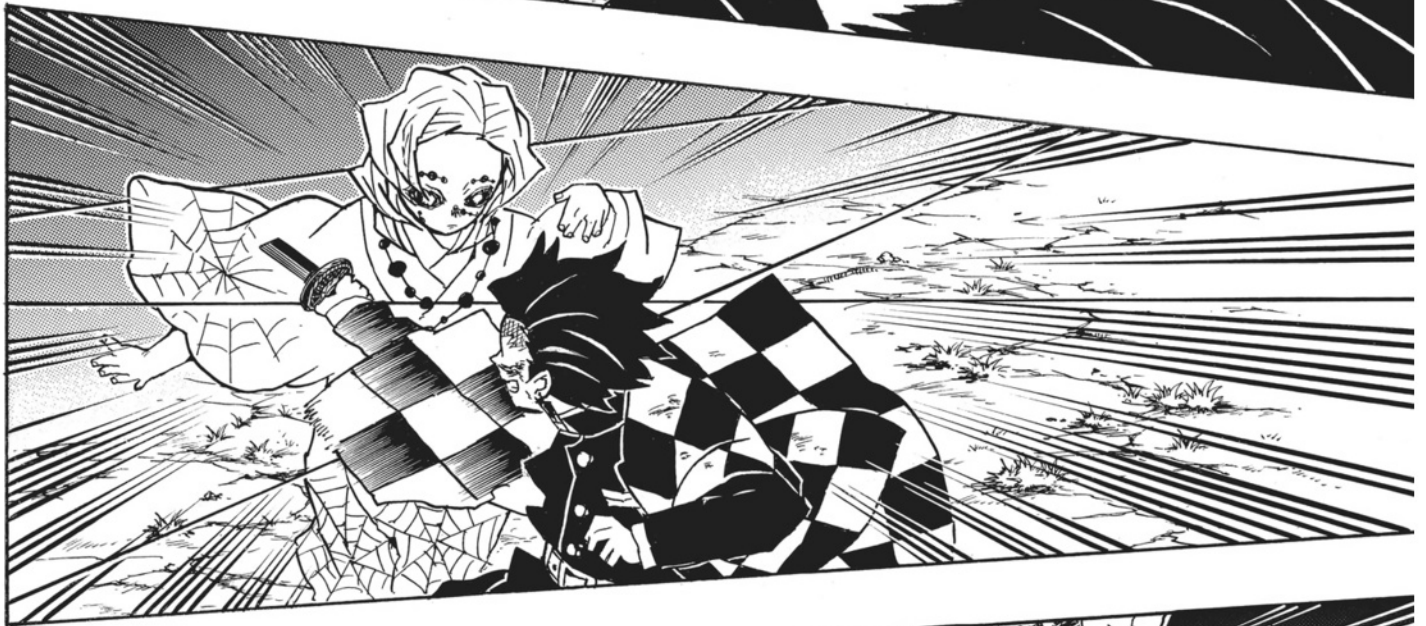
**...I MUST
DO THIS
NOW EVEN
THOUGH...**

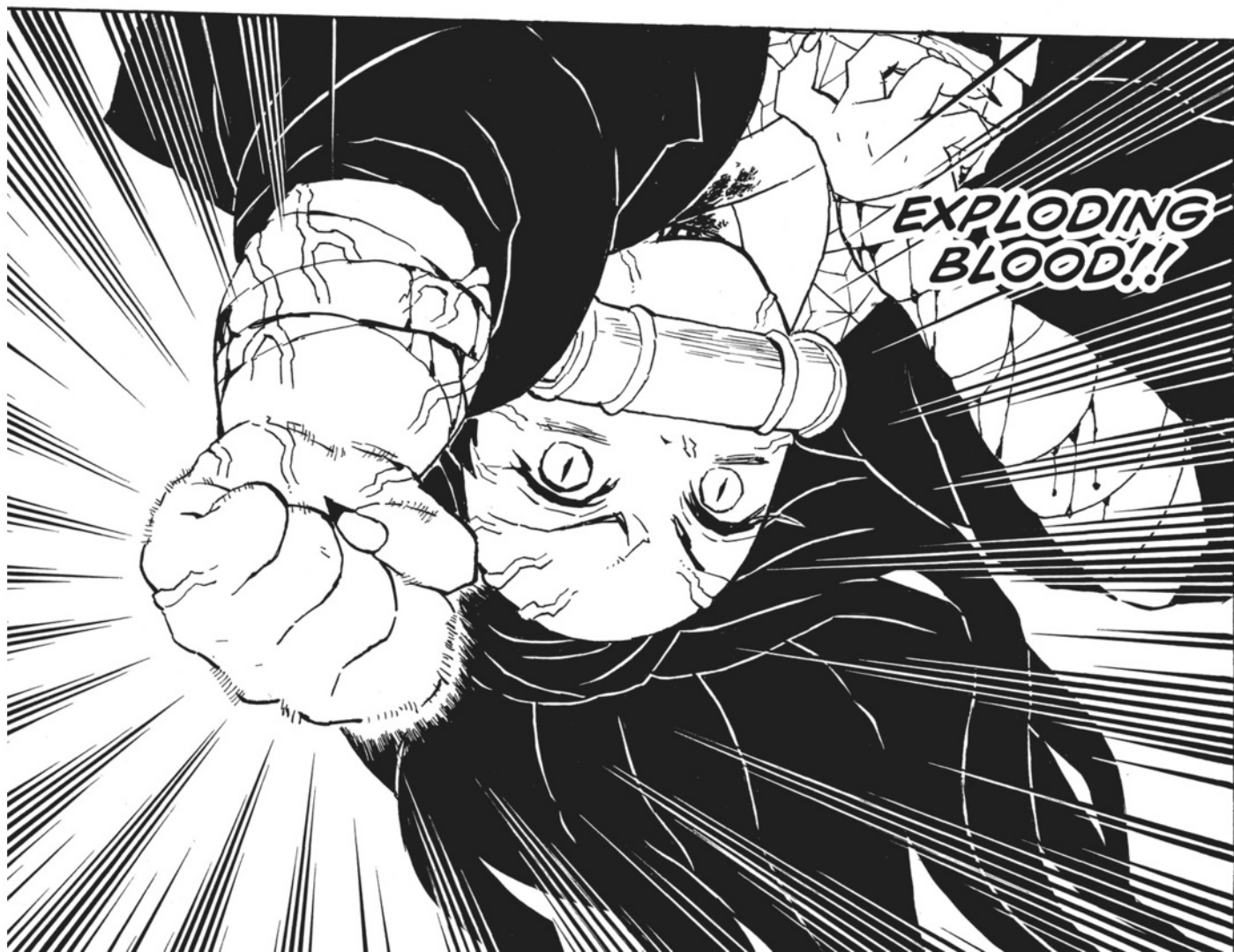
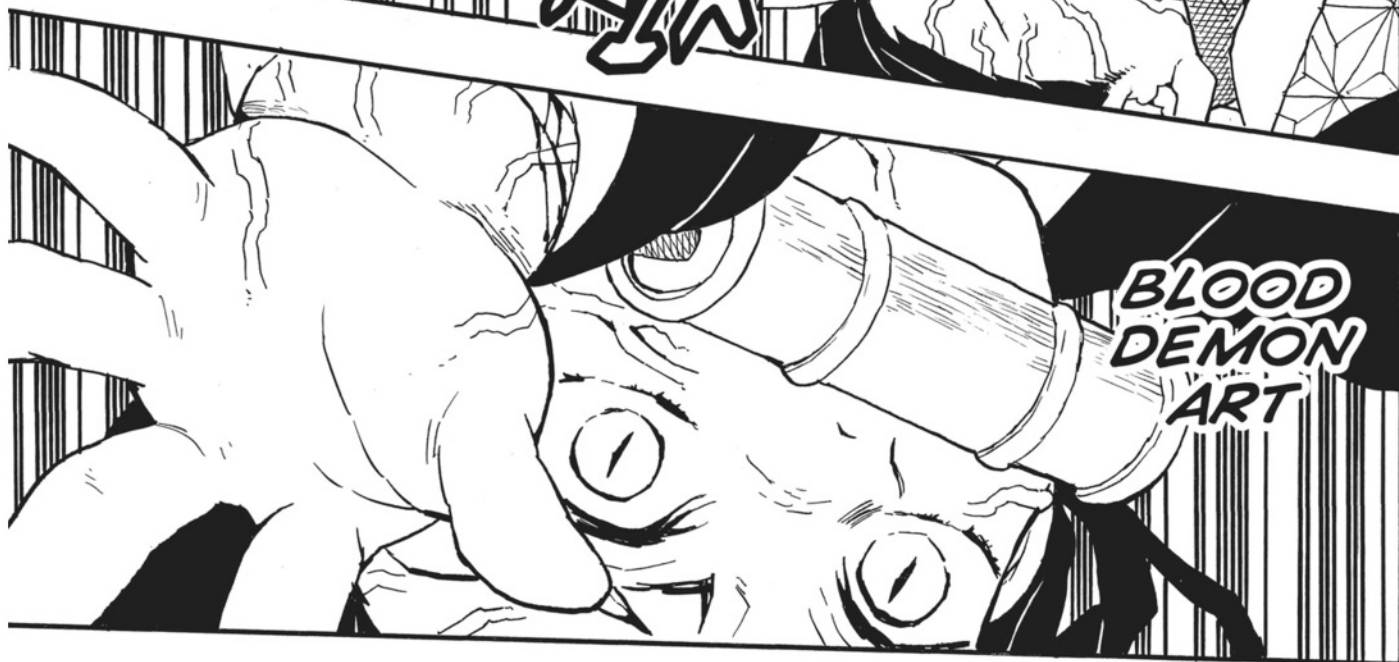
**IN
ORDER
TO
PROTECT
NEZUKO
...**

**...IT
MEANS
WE'LL
KILL
EACH
OTHER!**







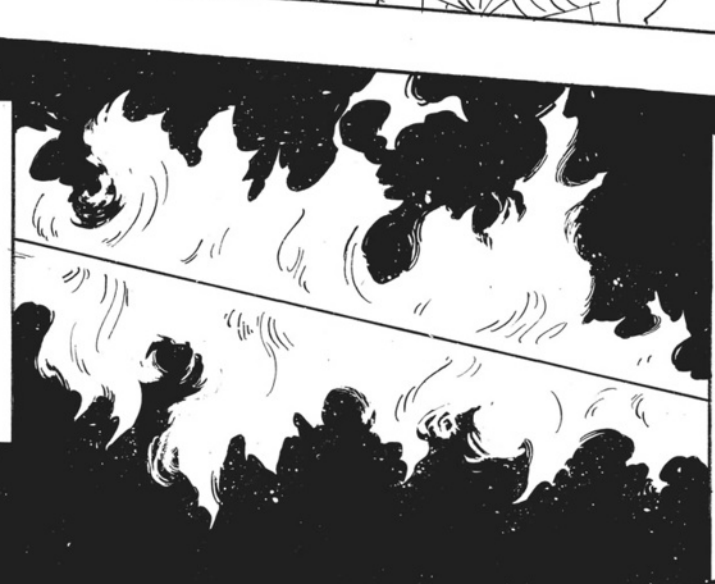






TO BLOCK
HIM, RUI
INSTINCTIVELY
USED THE
SAME THREAD
THAT WAS
STRINGING UP
NEZUKO.

TANJIRO'S
COUNTER-
ATTACK WAS
UNEXPECTED,
ESPECIALLY
SINCE RUI
WAS ABOUT
TO KILL HIM
IN ONE BLOW.



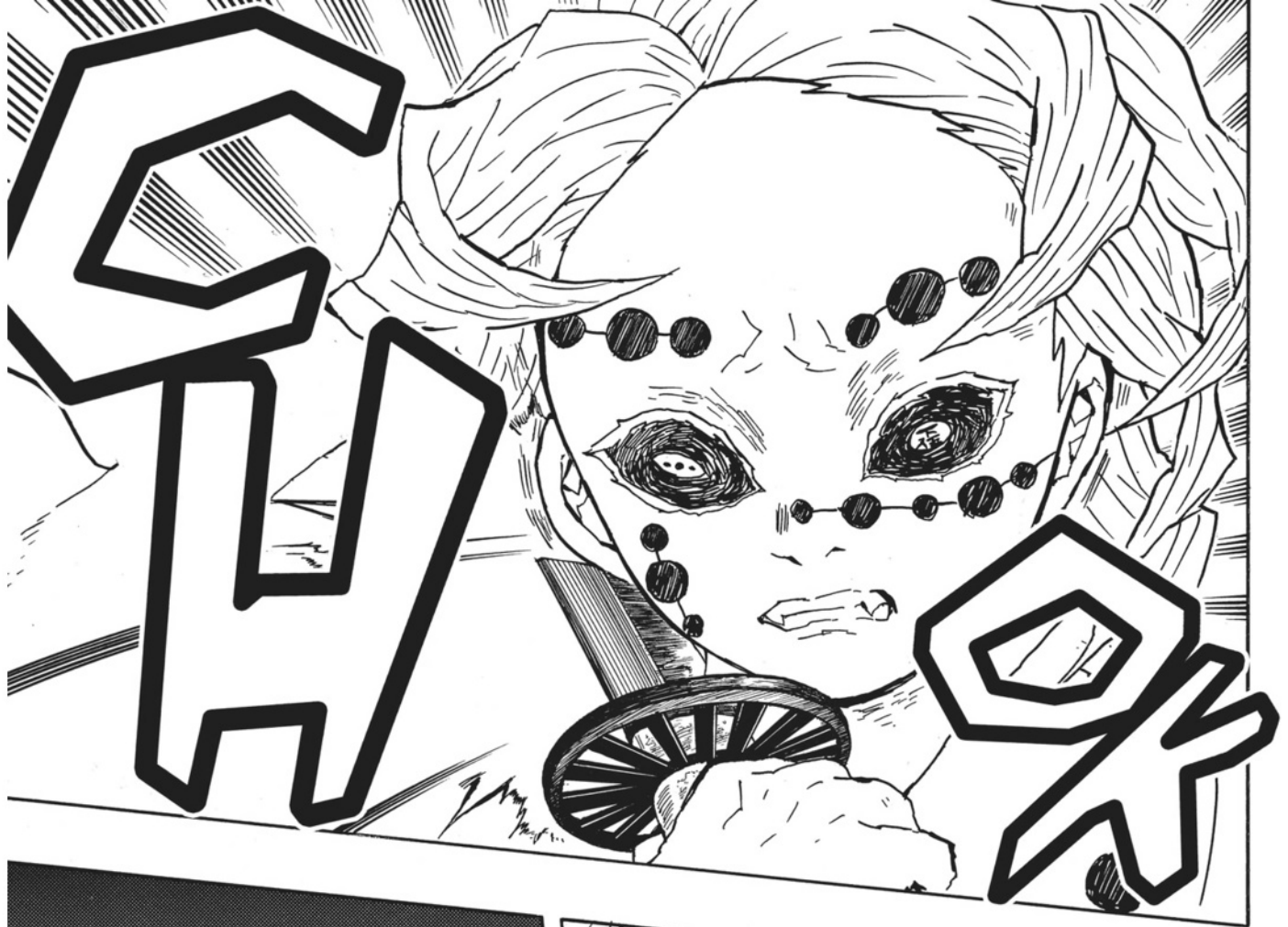
FLAM-
MABLE
DEMON
BLOOD
WITH...

...AN
EXPLO-
SIVE
SUPER-
NATURAL
QUALITY.

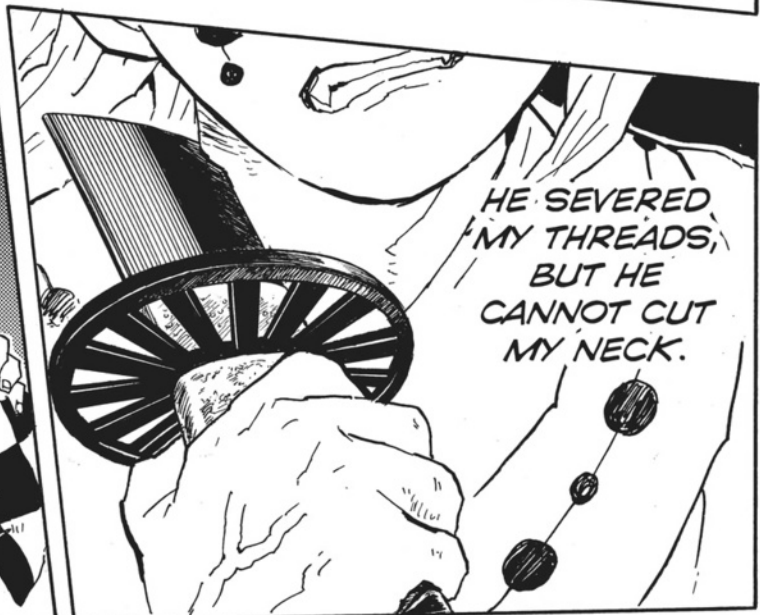
NEZUKO'S
BLOOD
STAINED
THAT
THREAD.





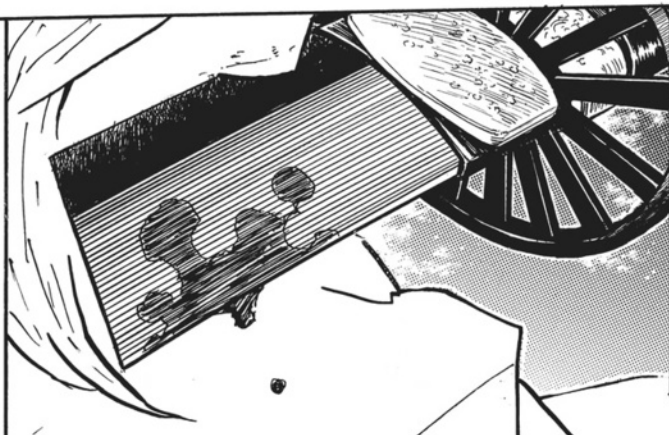


MY BODY
IS EVEN
STRONGER
THAN MY
THREADS.



HE SEVERED
MY THREADS,
BUT HE
CANNOT CUT
MY NECK.

...A
SPLASH
OF HER
BLOOD
STRUCK
HIS
KATANA.



WHEN NEZUKO
USED HER
BODY TO COVER
TANJIRO...



NEZUKO'S
BLOOD
EXPLODED...



...
FORWARD.

...PUSHING
TANJIRO'S
NICHIRIN
SWORD...



...THAT
NEZUKO
AND I
SHARE!

NO ONE
CAN
BREAK
THE
BOND...





CHAPTER 41: SHINOBU KOCHO





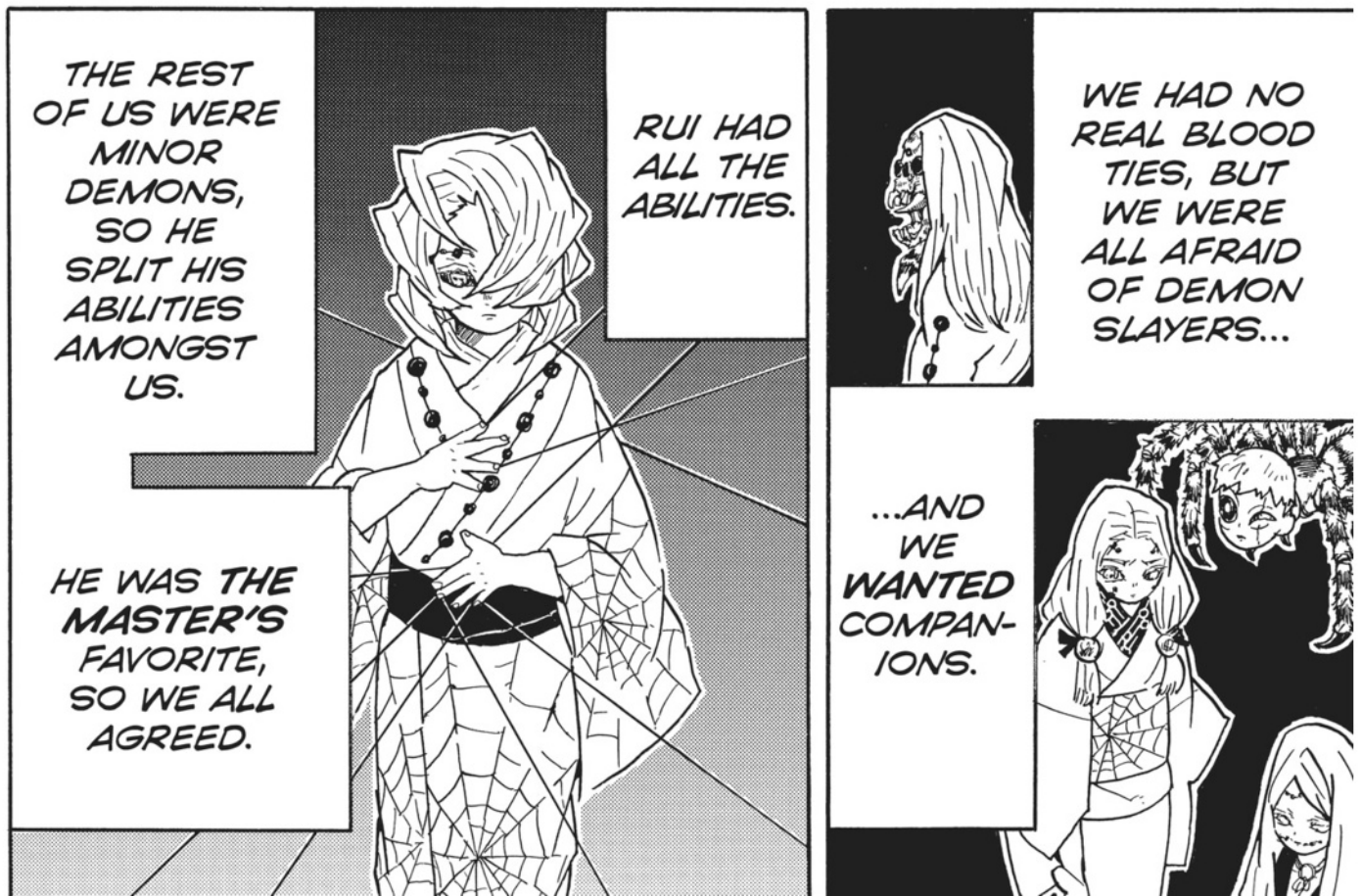
EVEN
THOUGH
I'M THE
ONLY
ONE WHO
NEVER
MESSES
UP!

I
MESSED
UP! I
REALLY
MESSED
UP!



...OUR
PRETEND
FAMILY!

I RUINED...



THE REST
OF US WERE
MINOR
DEMONS,
SO HE
SPLIT HIS
ABILITIES
AMONGST
US.

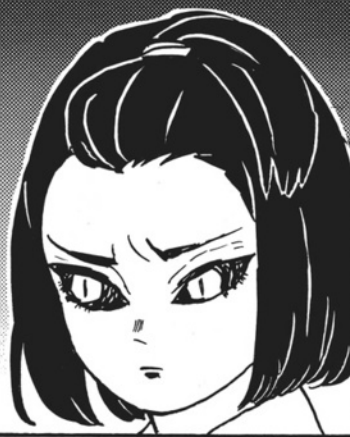
RUI HAD
ALL THE
ABILITIES.

HE WAS THE
MASTER'S
FAVORITE,
SO WE ALL
AGREED.

WE HAD NO
REAL BLOOD
TIES, BUT
WE WERE
ALL AFRAID
OF DEMON
SLAYERS...

...AND
WE
WANTED
COMPAN-
IONS.

THE
"MOTHER"
OF OUR
GROUP
WAS A
CHILD
DEMON.



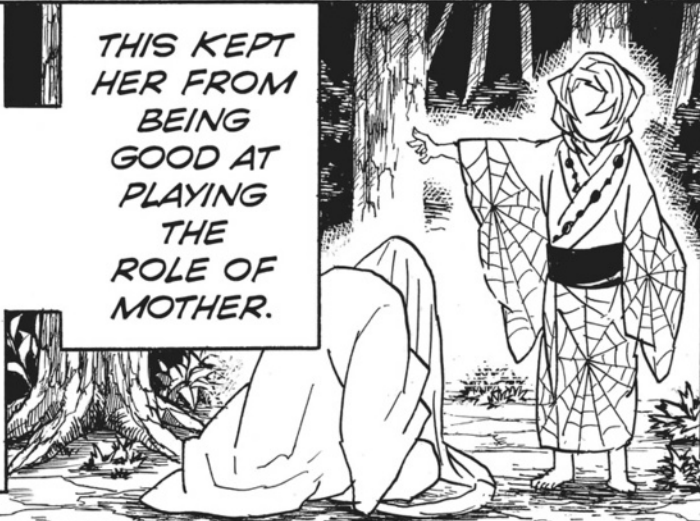
THE FIRST
THING HE
MADE US
DO WAS
CHANGE
THE WAY WE
LOOKED.



WE
RESHAPED
OUR
FACES
TO LOOK
MORE
LIKE RUI.

ALSO, SHE
WASN'T
GOOD AT
TRANS-
FORMING
HER BODY
AND FACE,
SO SHE WAS
PUNISHED
EVERY DAY.

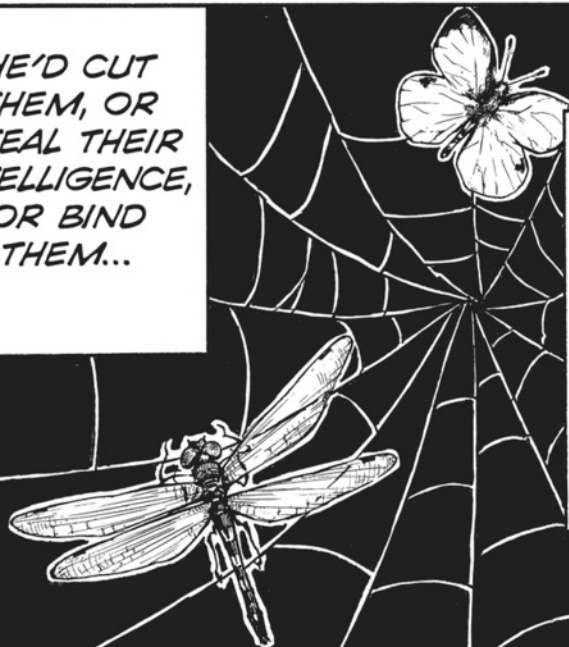
THIS KEPT
HER FROM
BEING
GOOD AT
PLAYING
THE
ROLE OF
MOTHER.



SHE WAS
SO YOUNG
THAT SHE
STILL HAD
HER HUMAN
MEMORIES
AND SHE'D
OFTEN
WEEP.

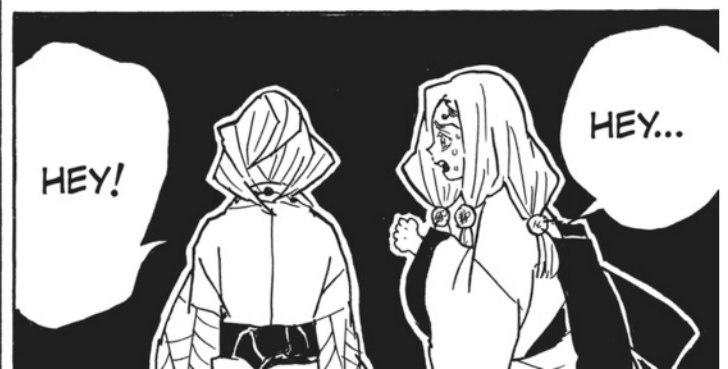
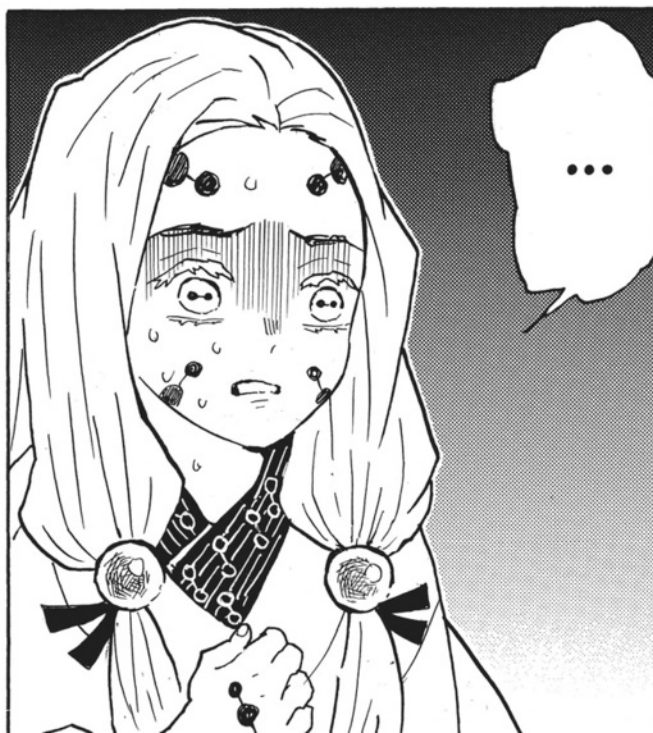
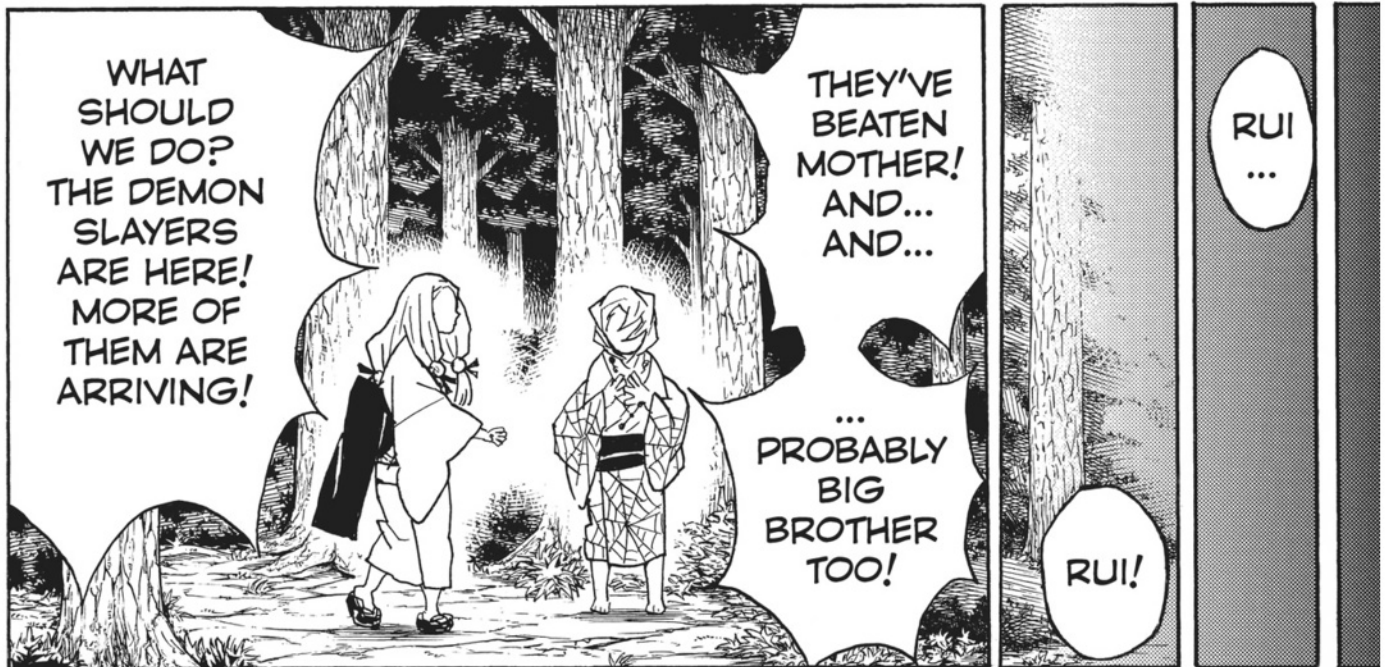
HE'D CUT
THEM, OR
STEAL THEIR
INTELLIGENCE,
OR BIND
THEM...

...AND
LEAVE
THEM
HANGING
IN THE
SUN-
LIGHT.



RUI
PUNISHED
ANYONE WHO
DISOBEYED
HIS ORDERS
OR FAILED
THEIR ROLE
IN OUR
FAMILY.

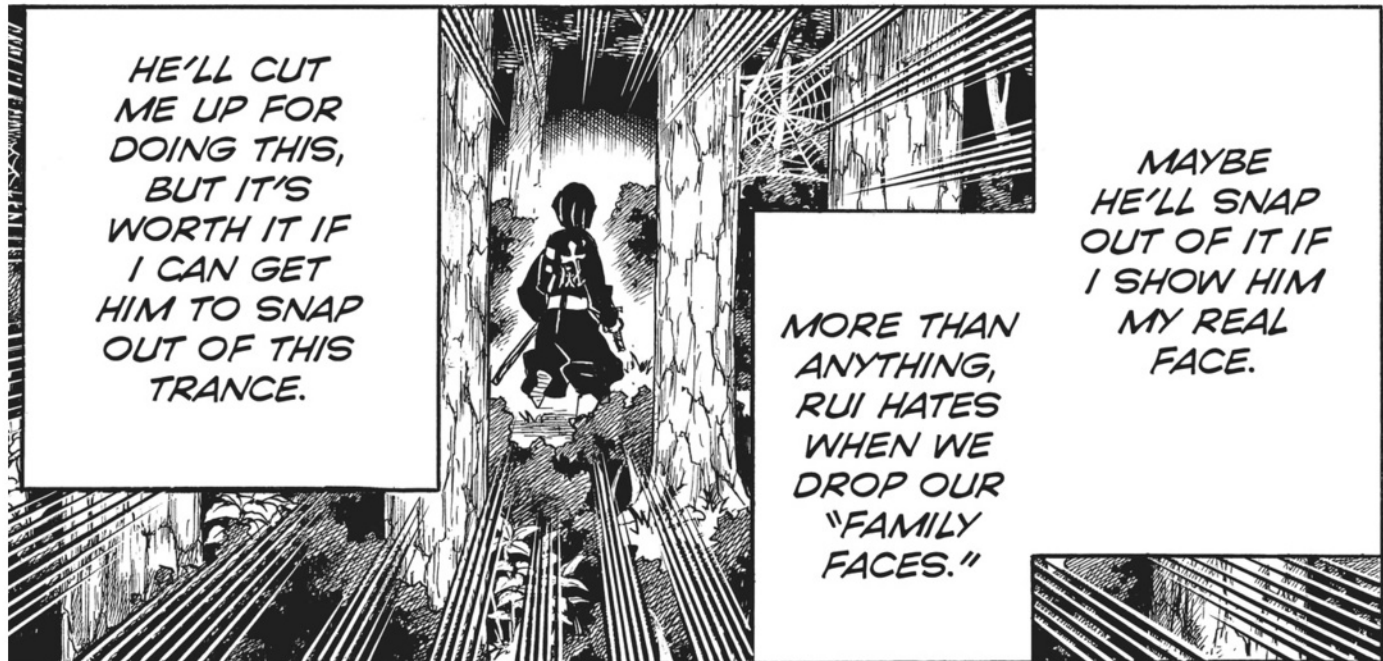
SO
SAD.





MAYBE WE
SHOULD RUN
AWAY?

WOO



HE'LL CUT
ME UP FOR
DOING THIS,
BUT IT'S
WORTH IT IF
I CAN GET
HIM TO SNAP
OUT OF THIS
TRANCE.

MAYBE
HE'LL SNAP
OUT OF IT IF
I SHOW HIM
MY REAL
FACE.

MORE THAN
ANYTHING,
RUI HATES
WHEN WE
DROP OUR
"FAMILY
FACES."



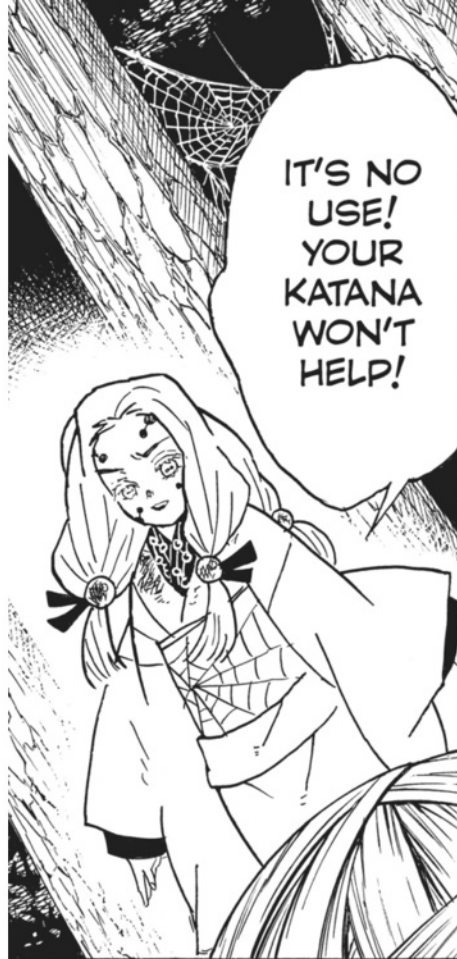
A
DEMON
!



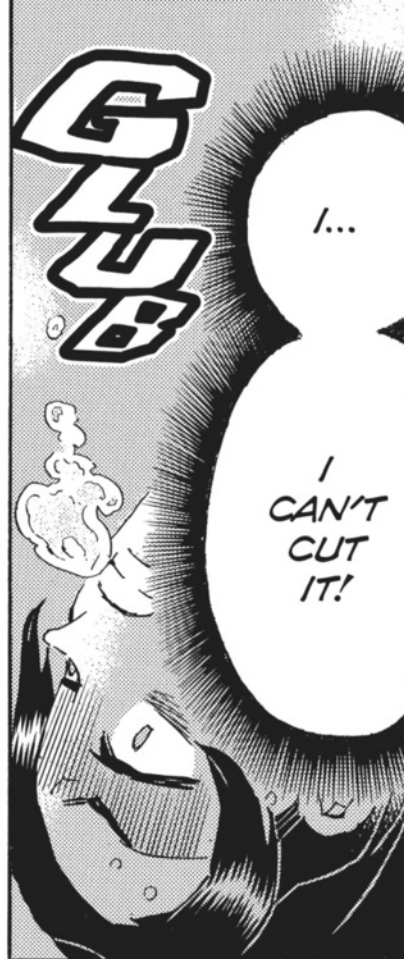


ONE
DOWN!
GOOD!



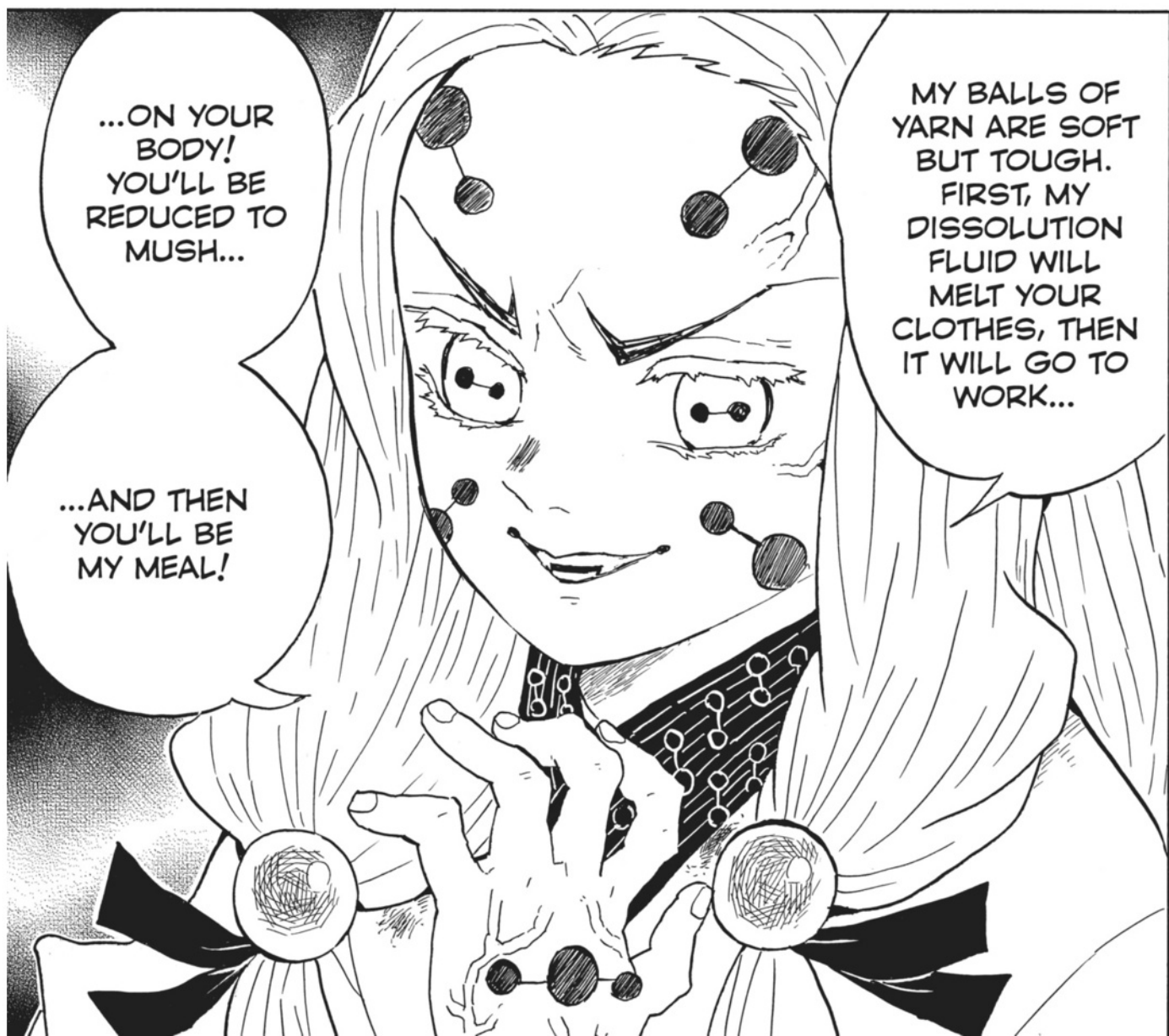


IT'S NO
USE!
YOUR
KATANA
WON'T
HELP!



I...

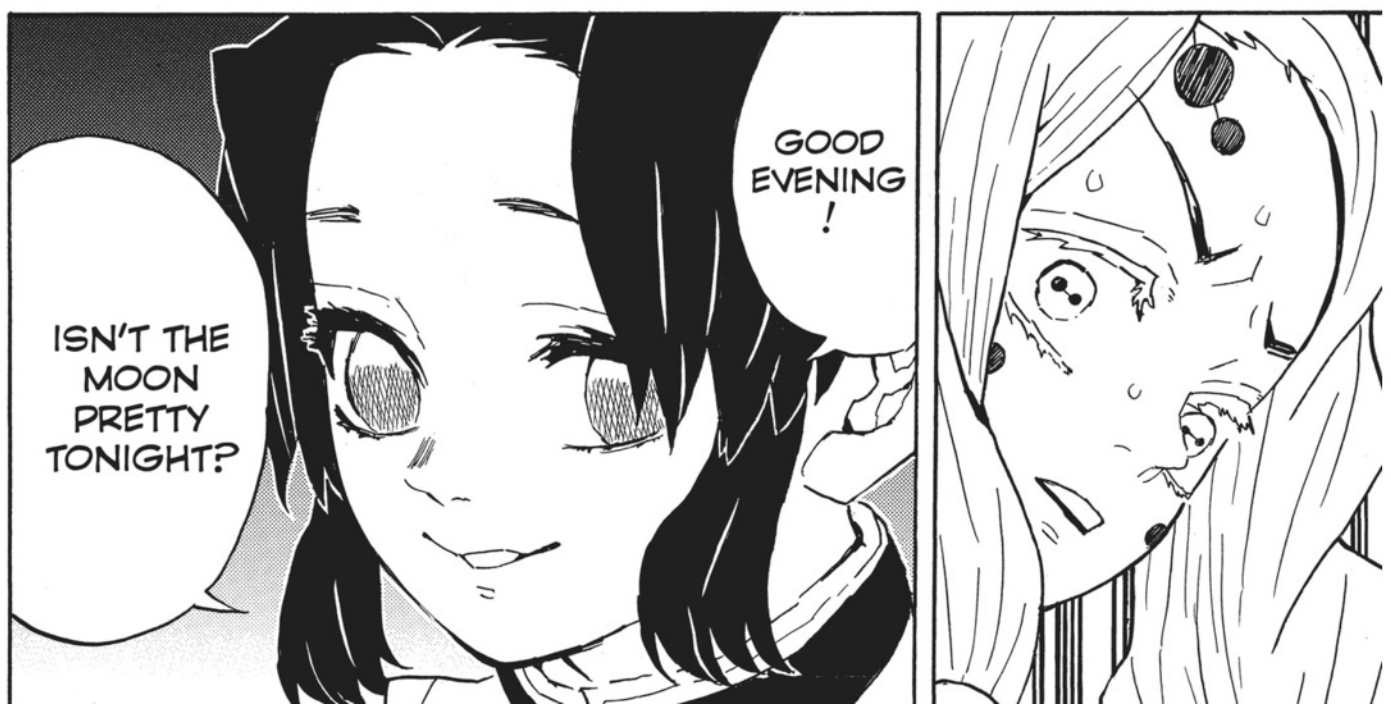
I
CAN'T
CUT
IT!



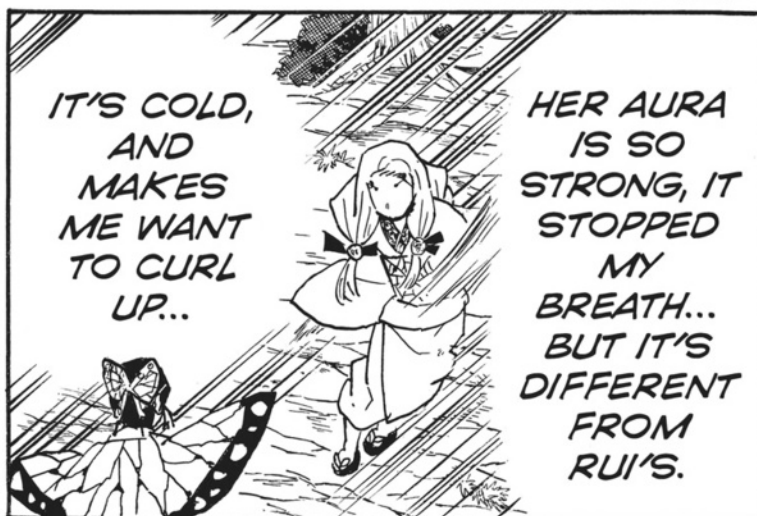
...ON YOUR
BODY!
YOU'LL BE
REDUCED TO
MUSH...

...AND THEN
YOU'LL BE
MY MEAL!

MY BALLS OF
YARN ARE SOFT
BUT TOUGH.
FIRST, MY
DISSOLUTION
FLUID WILL
MELT YOUR
CLOTHES, THEN
IT WILL GO TO
WORK...







IT'S COLD,
AND
MAKES
ME WANT
TO CURL
UP...

HER AURA
IS SO
STRONG, IT
STOPPED
MY
BREATH...
BUT IT'S
DIFFERENT
FROM
RUI'S.



OH!

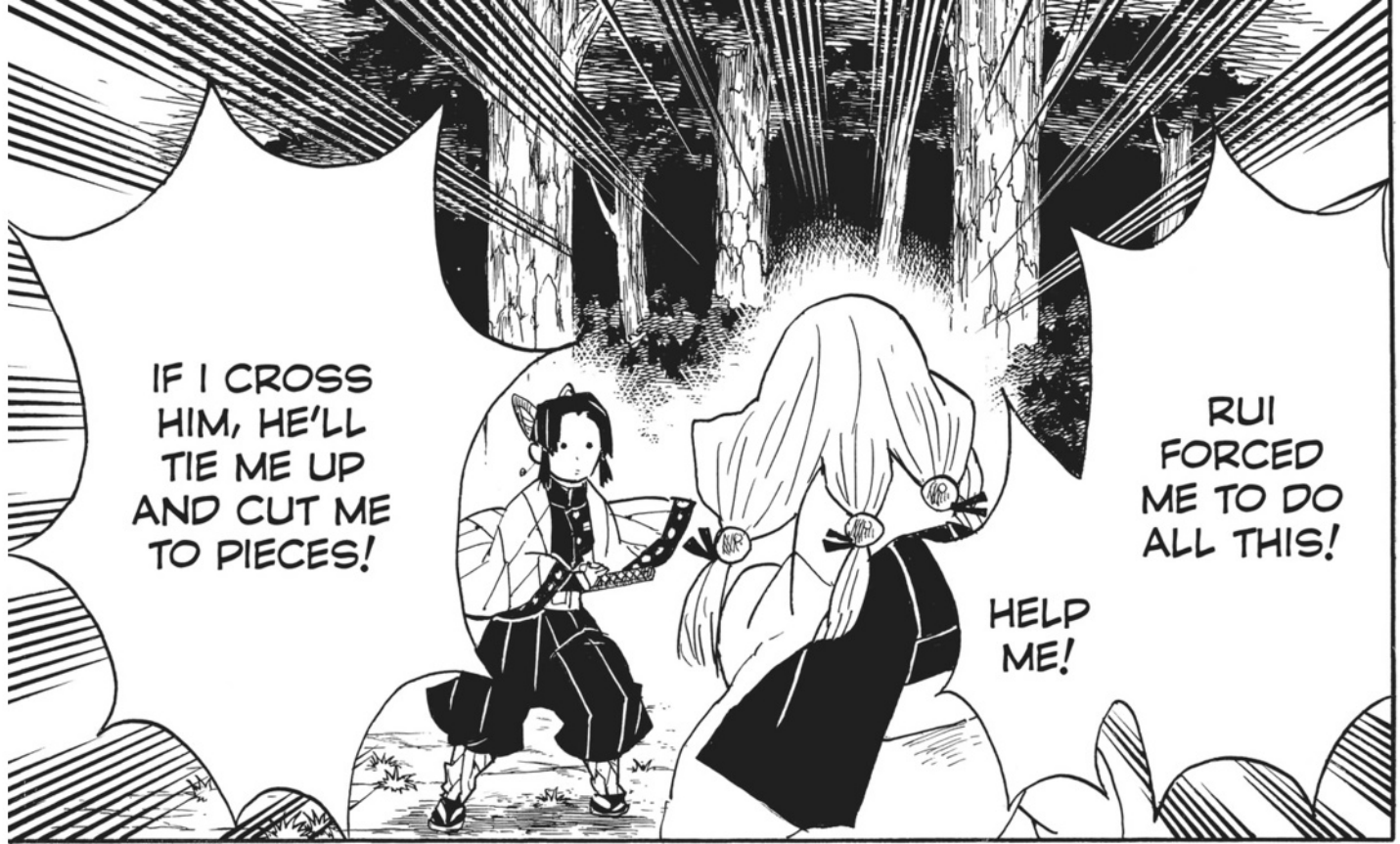
...LIKE
DEATH
IS AT
MY
SIDE.



...YOU
DON'T
WANT
TO GET
ALONG
WITH ME.



WAIT! WAIT,
PLEASE!



IF I CROSS
HIM, HE'LL
TIE ME UP
AND CUT ME
TO PIECES!

RUI
FORCED
ME TO DO
ALL THIS!

HELP
ME!



IF WE CAN
GET ALONG,
I'LL HELP
YOU.

SO PLEASE,
COOPERATE.

OH,
REALLY?
THAT
SOUNDS
PAINFUL.
HOW
TERRIBLE.



...



...I NEED
TO KNOW A
FEW THINGS
ABOUT YOU
FIRST.

SMILE

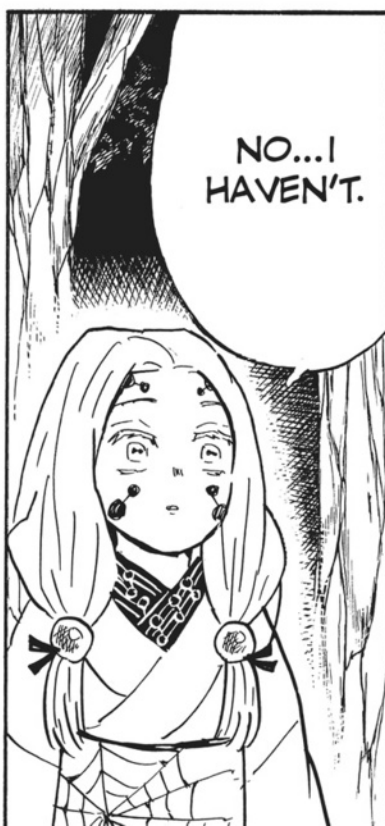
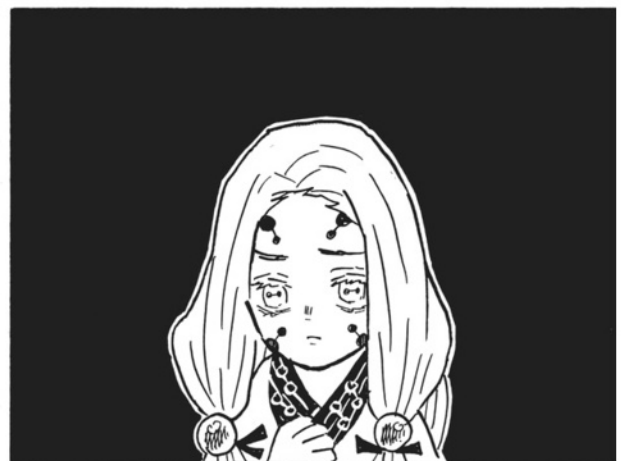
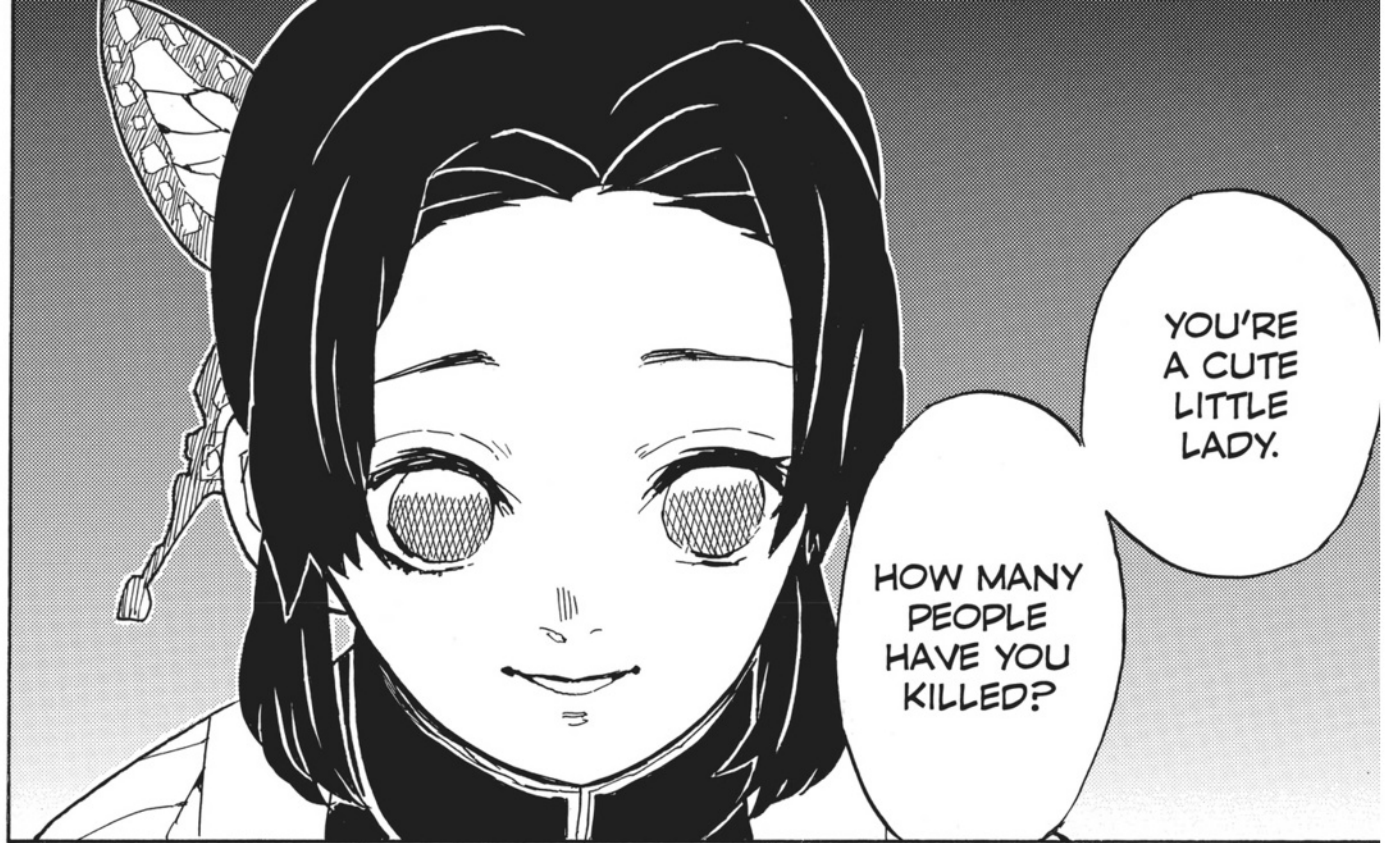
SURE
!

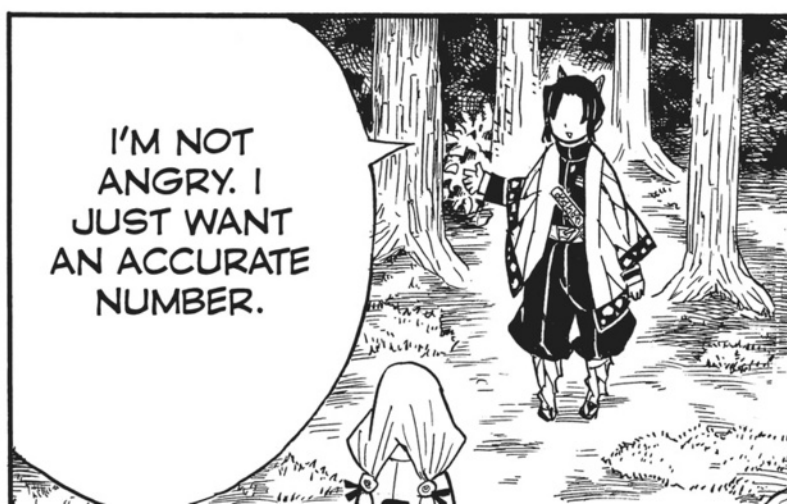
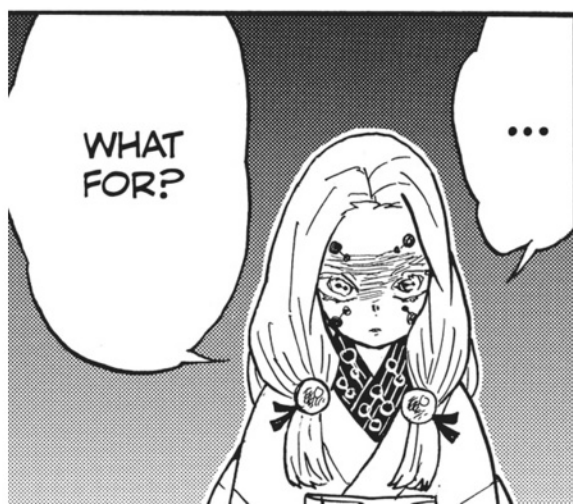
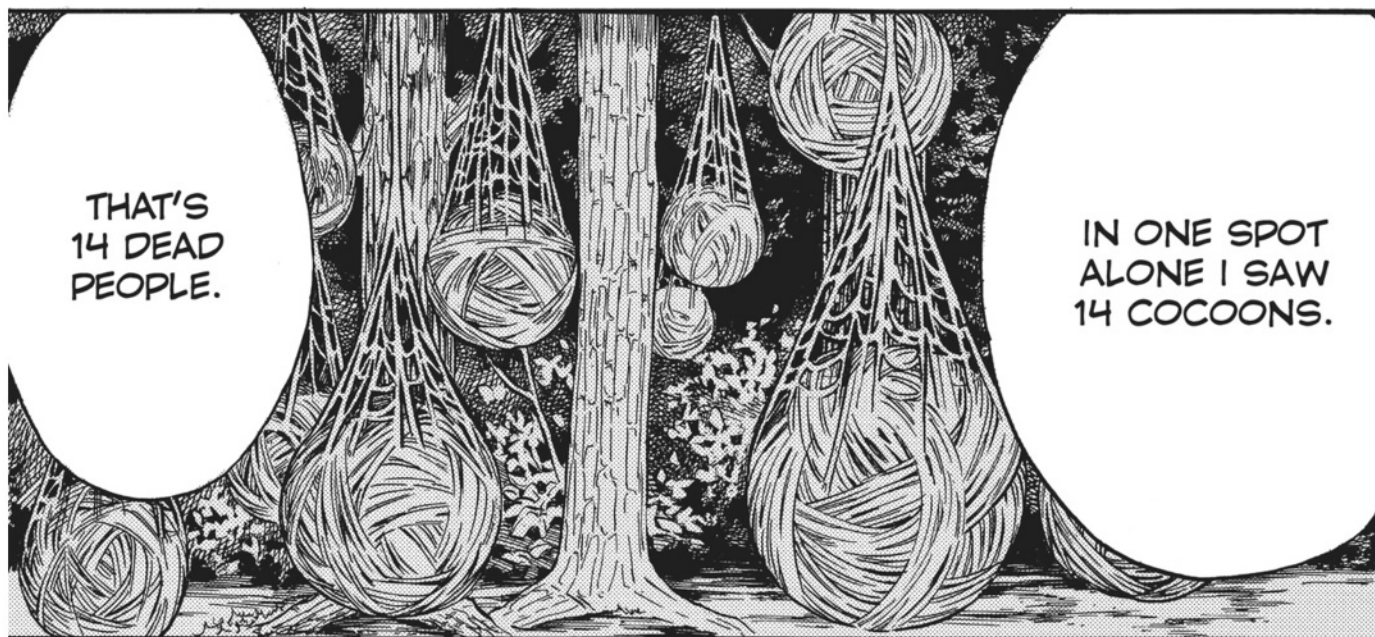
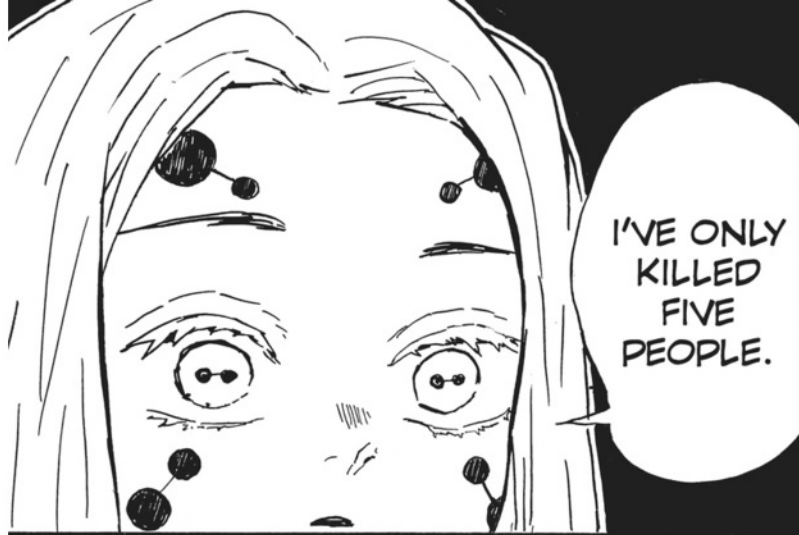
BUT...

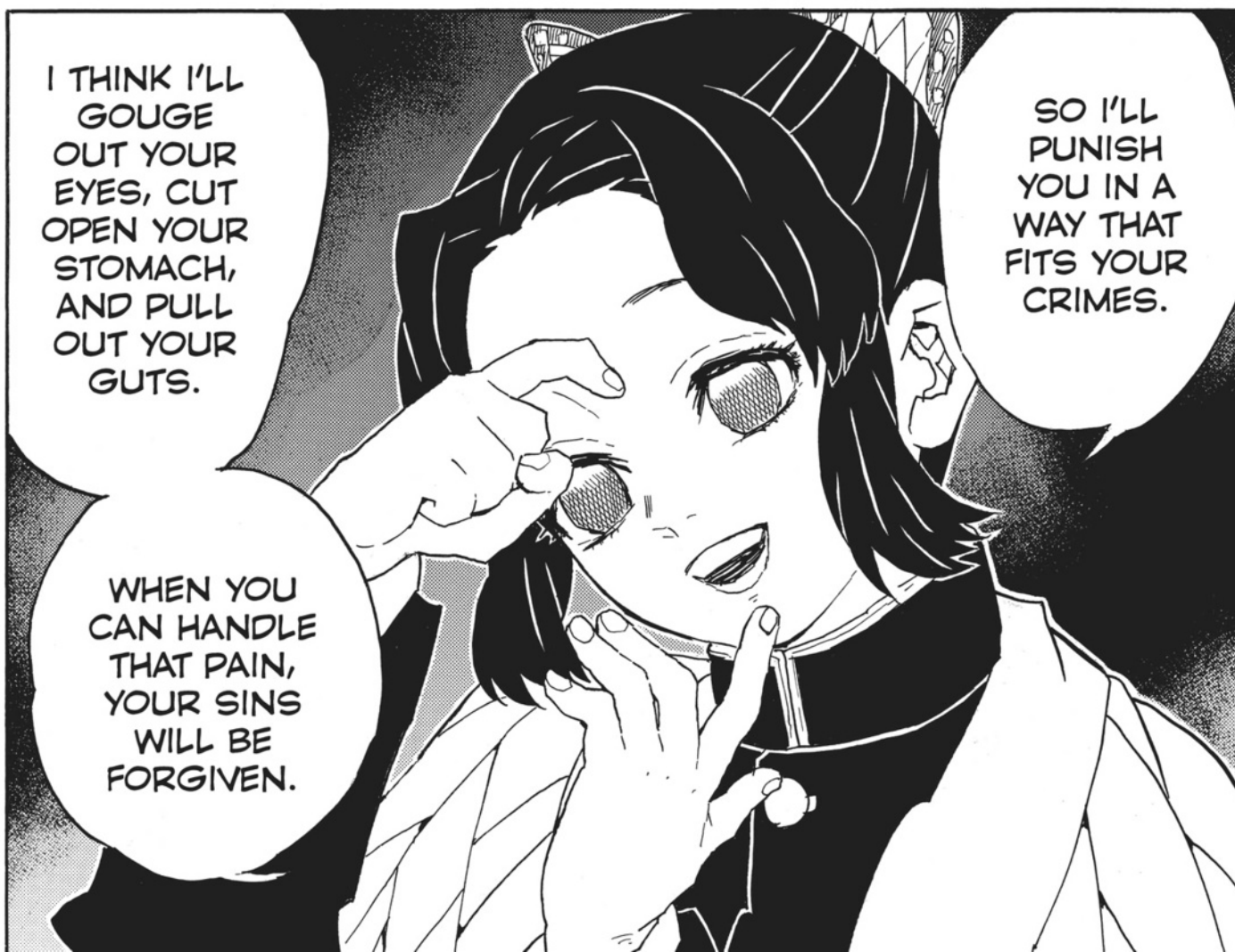
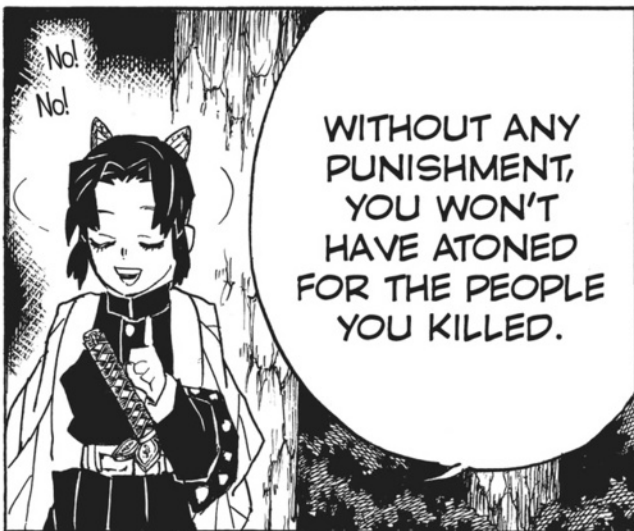
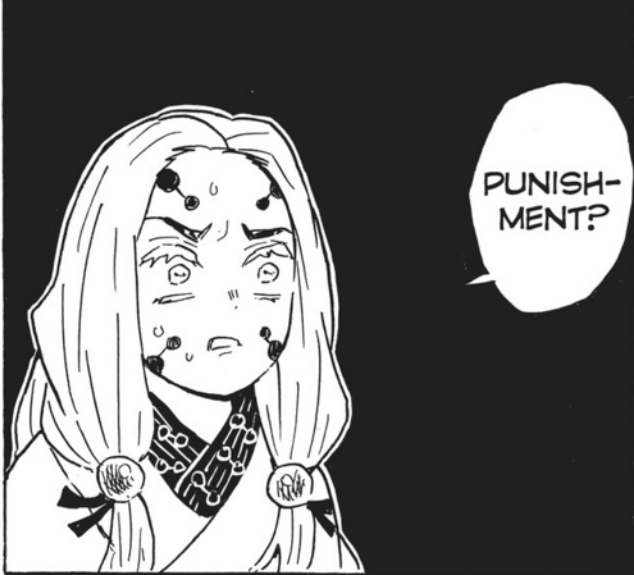


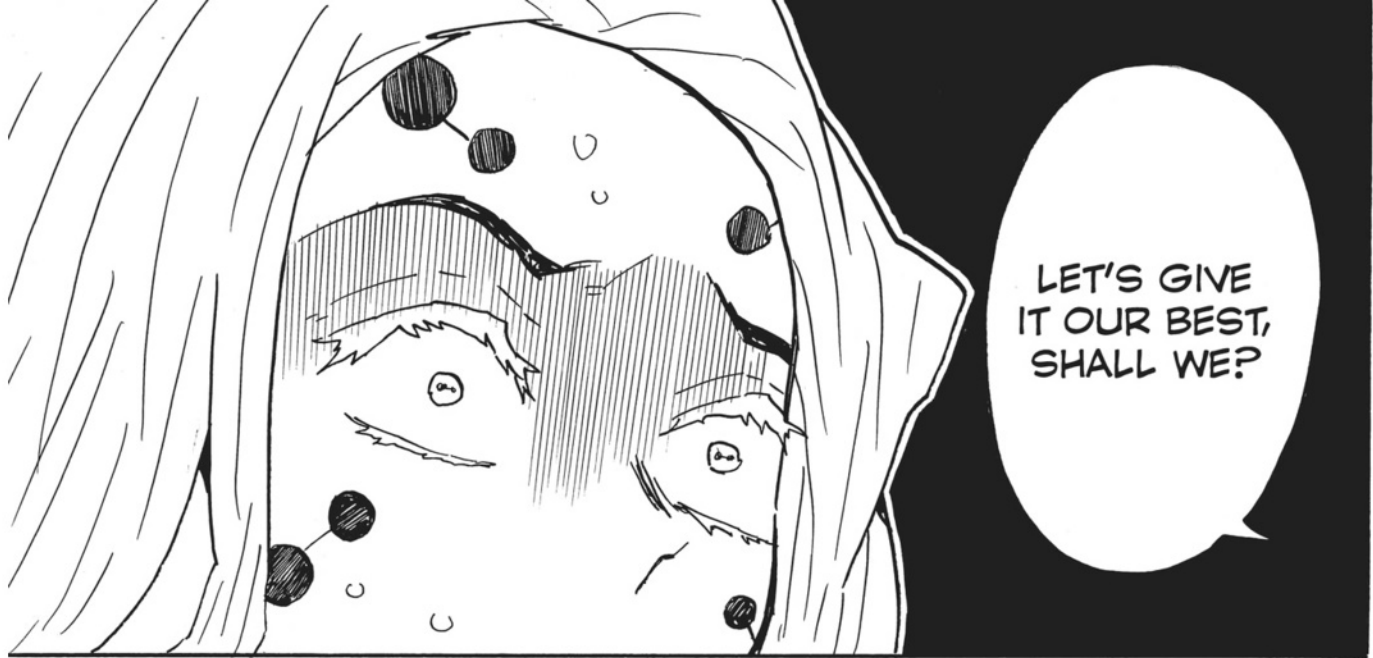
?!
UH...

YOU'LL
HELP
ME?

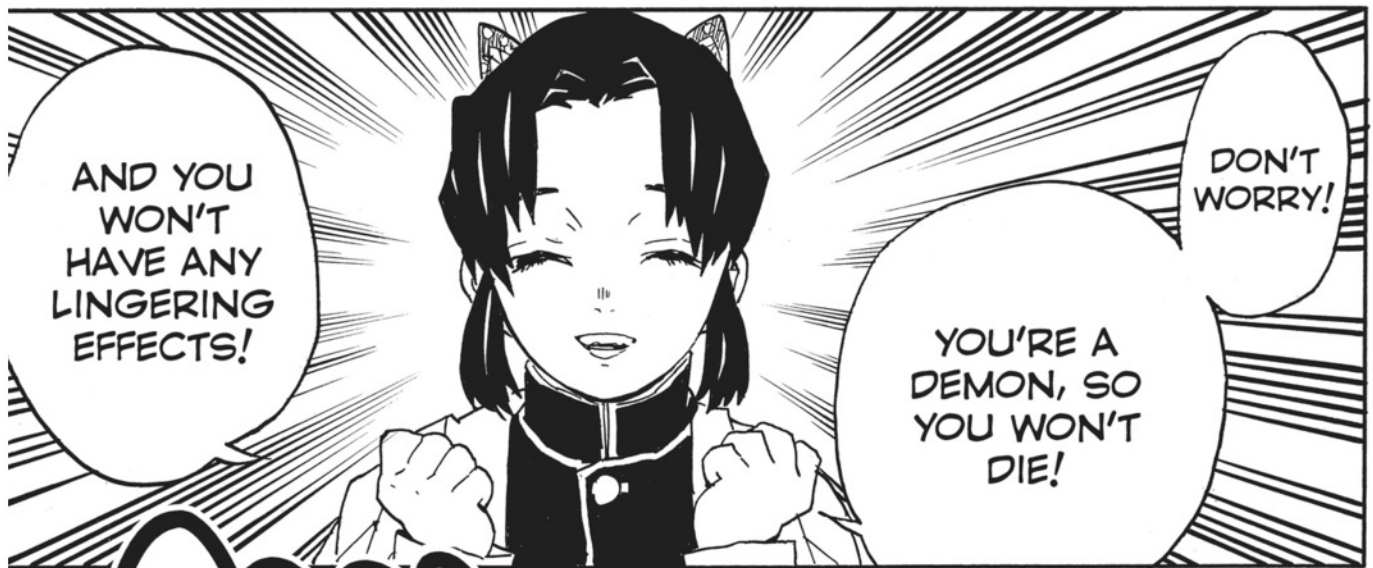








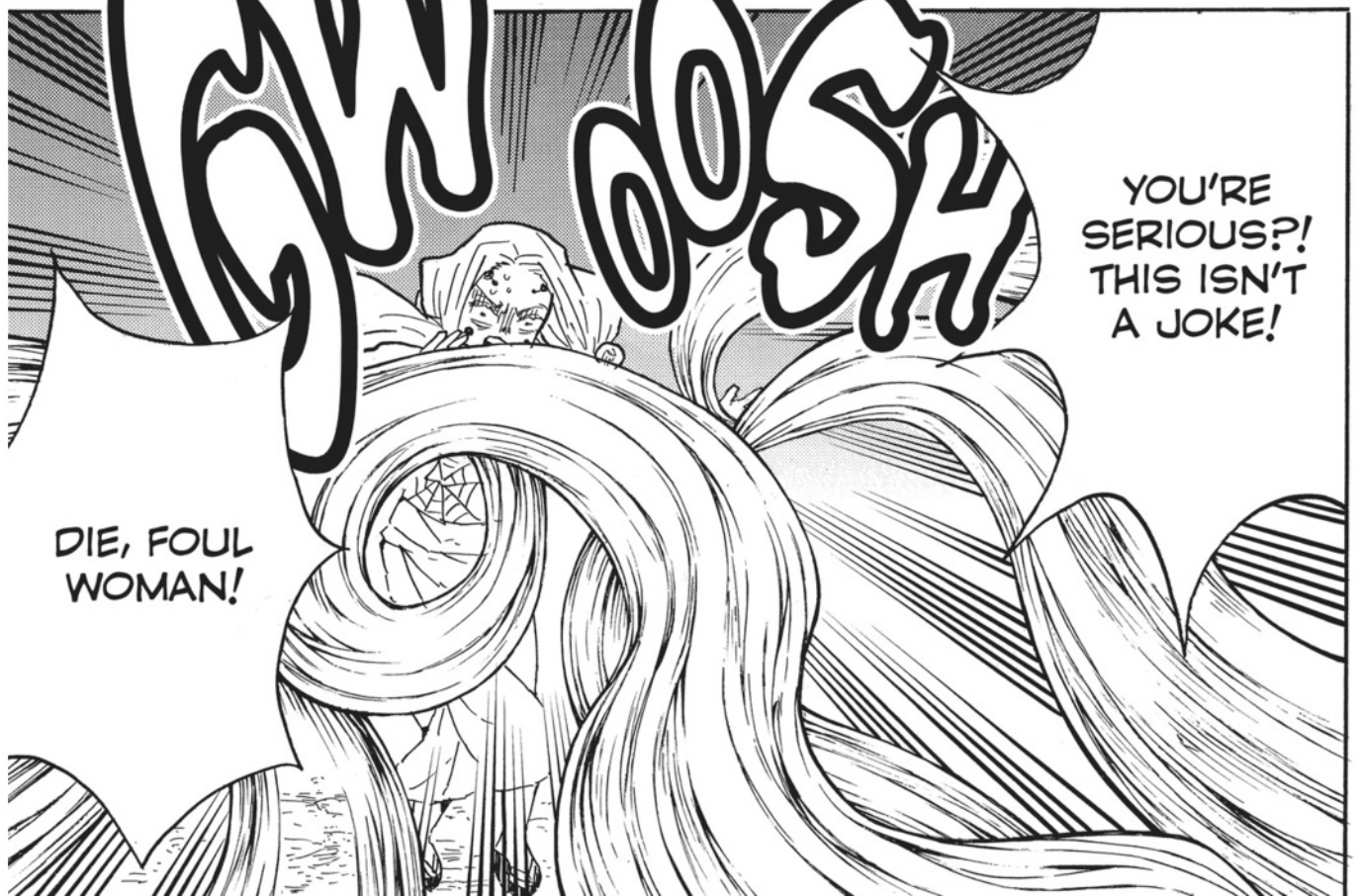
LET'S GIVE
IT OUR BEST,
SHALL WE?



AND YOU
WON'T
HAVE ANY
LINGERING
EFFECTS!

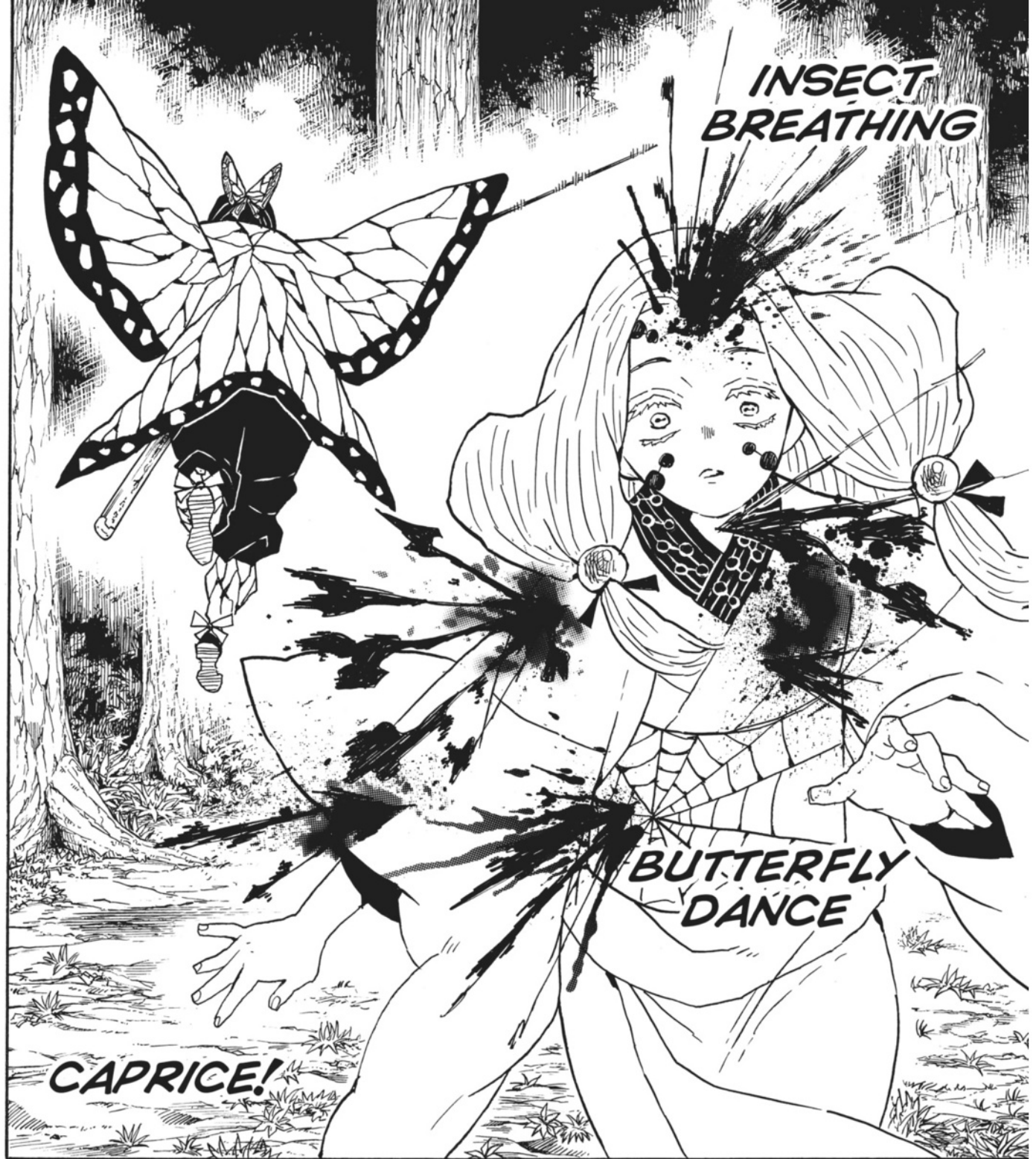
DON'T
WORRY!

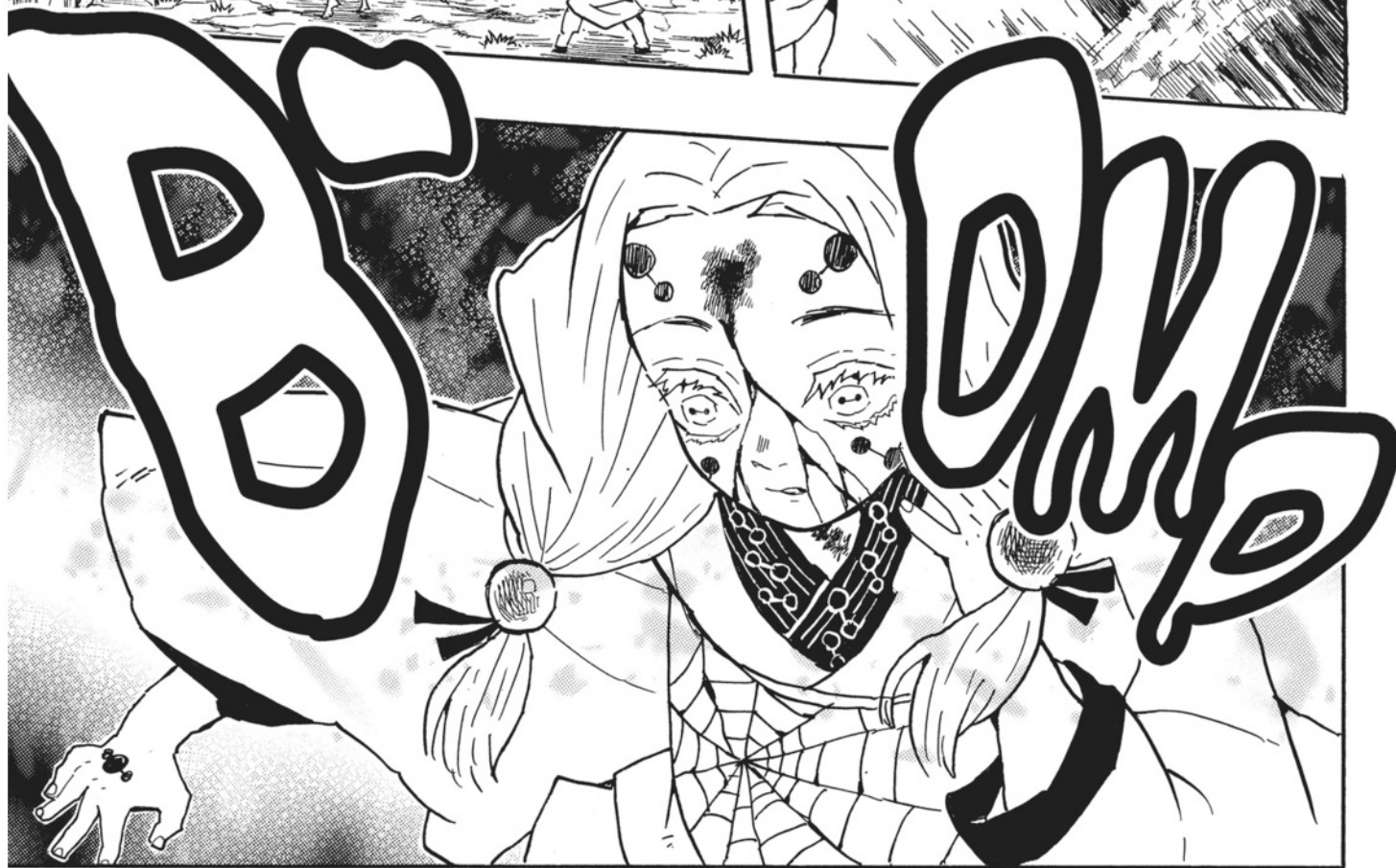
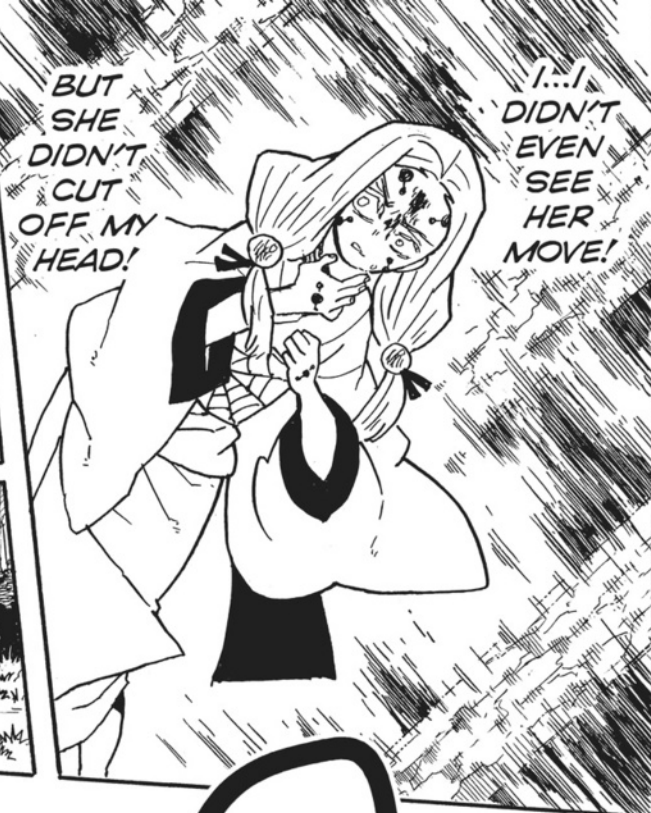
YOU'RE A
DEMON, SO
YOU WON'T
DIE!

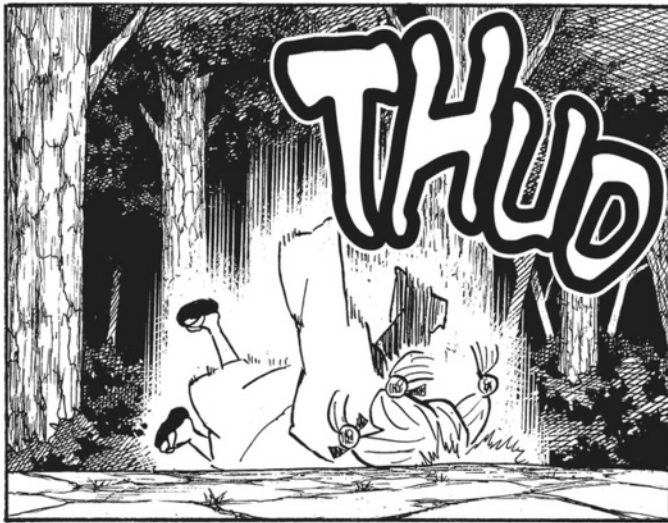


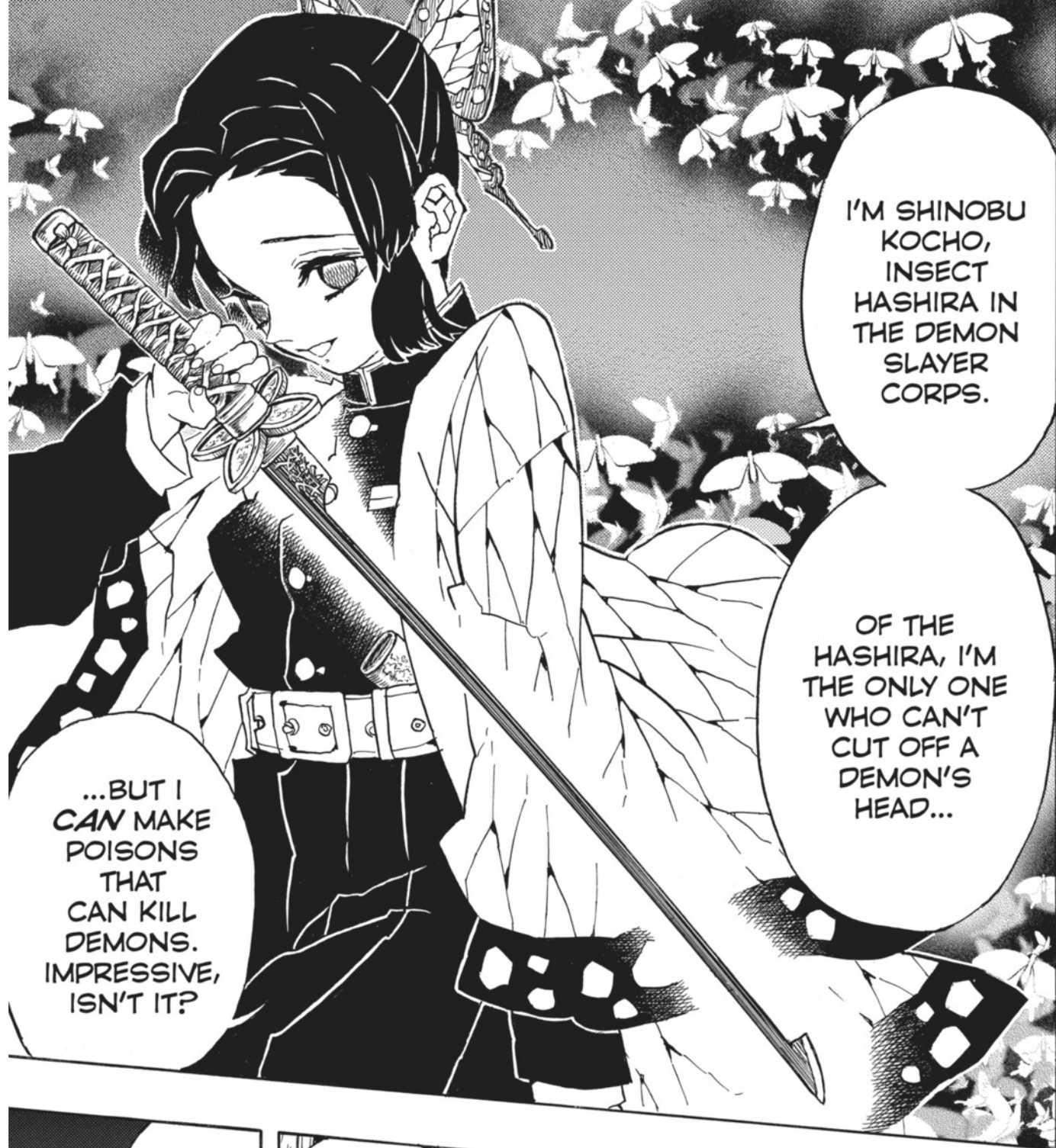
YOU'RE
SERIOUS?!
THIS ISN'T
A JOKE!

DIE, FOUL
WOMAN!









...BUT I
CAN MAKE
POISONS
THAT
CAN KILL
DEMONS.
IMPRESSIONABLE,
ISN'T IT?

I'M SHINOBU
KOCHO,
INSECT
HASHIRA IN
THE DEMON
SLAYER
CORPS.

OF THE
HASHIRA, I'M
THE ONLY ONE
WHO CAN'T
CUT OFF A
DEMON'S
HEAD...



MY
BAD!

TEE
HEE



YOU CAN'T
HEAR ME
ANYMORE—
YOU'RE
DEAD.



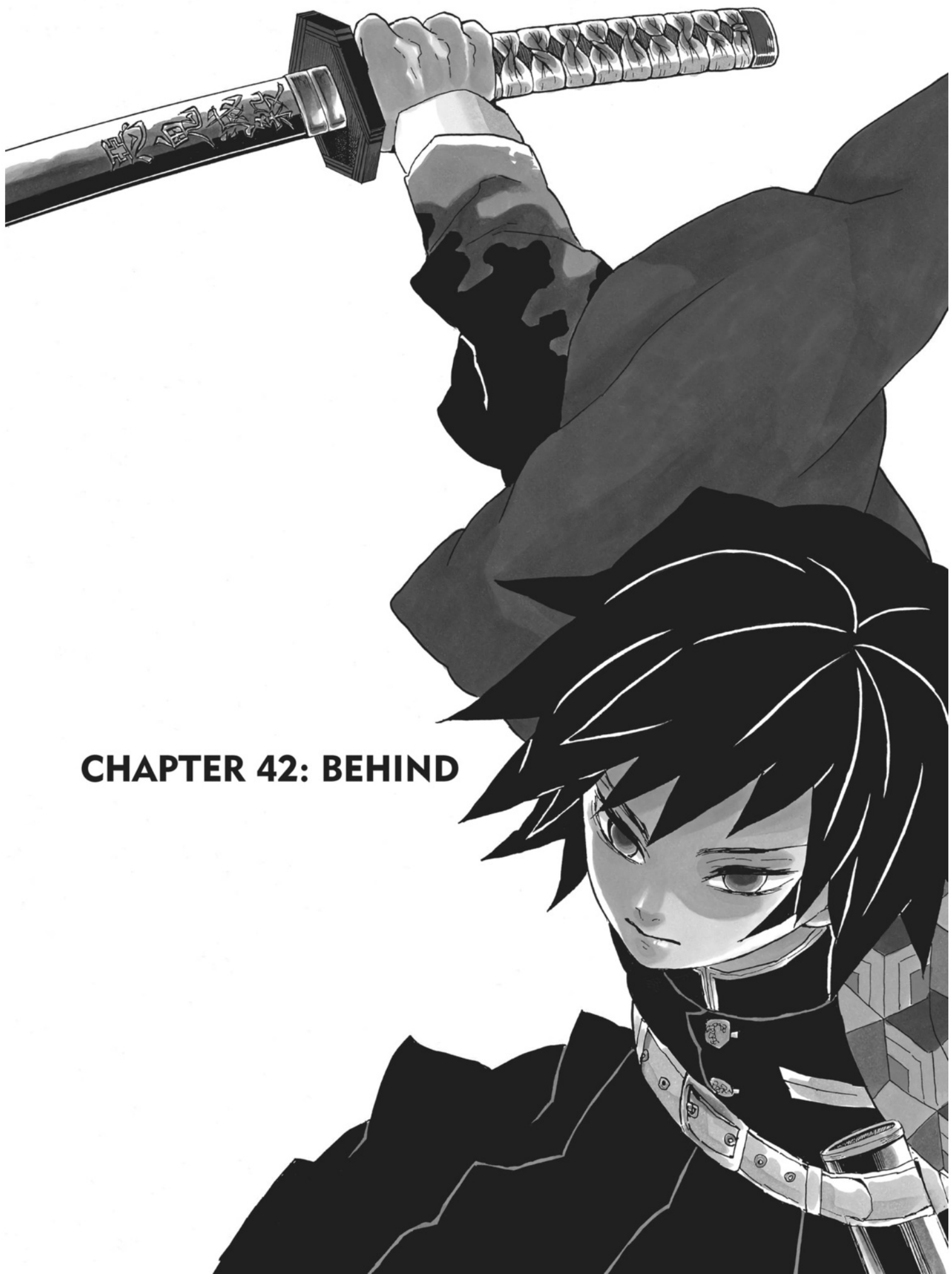
OH, I'M
SORRY...

*Taisho Whispered
Rumors*

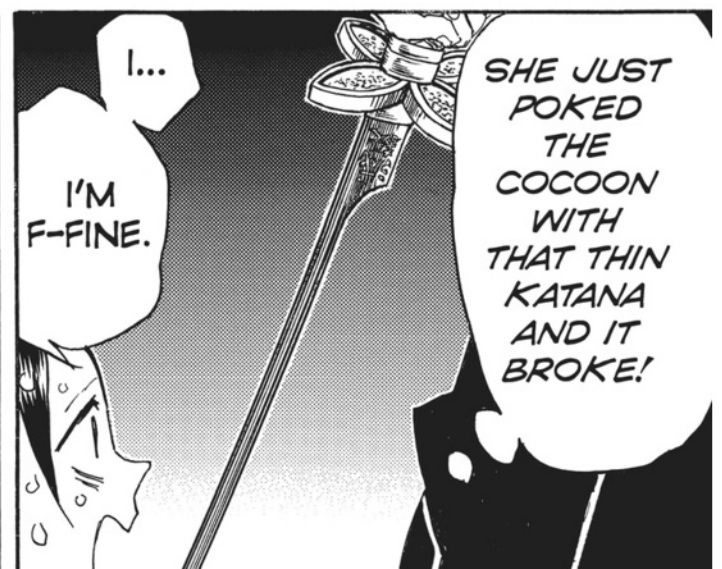
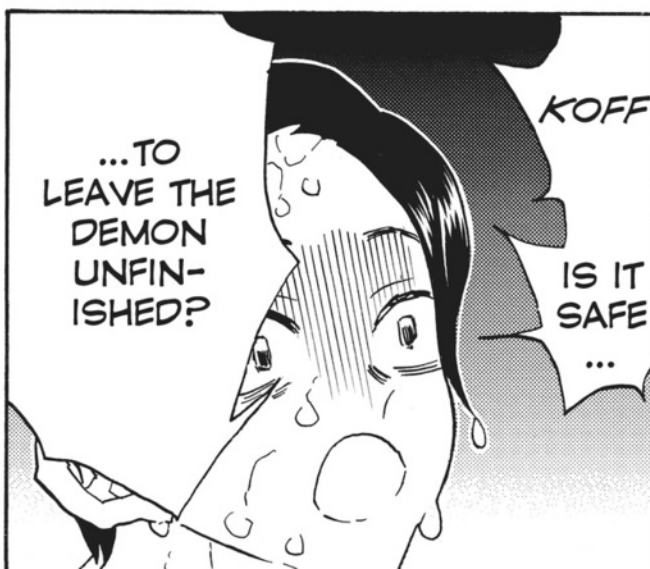
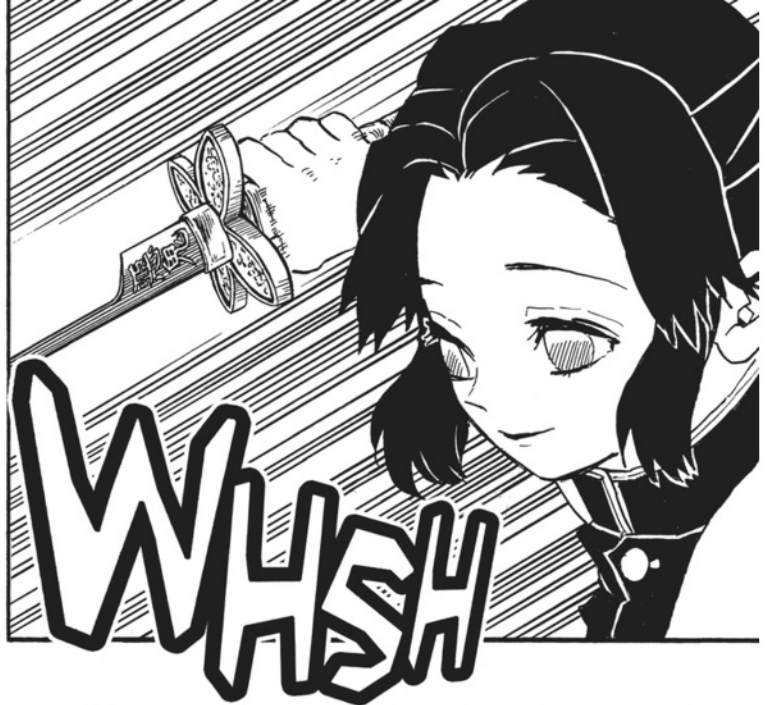


*Giyu's favorite food is salmon
and radish. I heard he even
smiled once as he was eating
simmered salmon and radish.*





CHAPTER 42: BEHIND

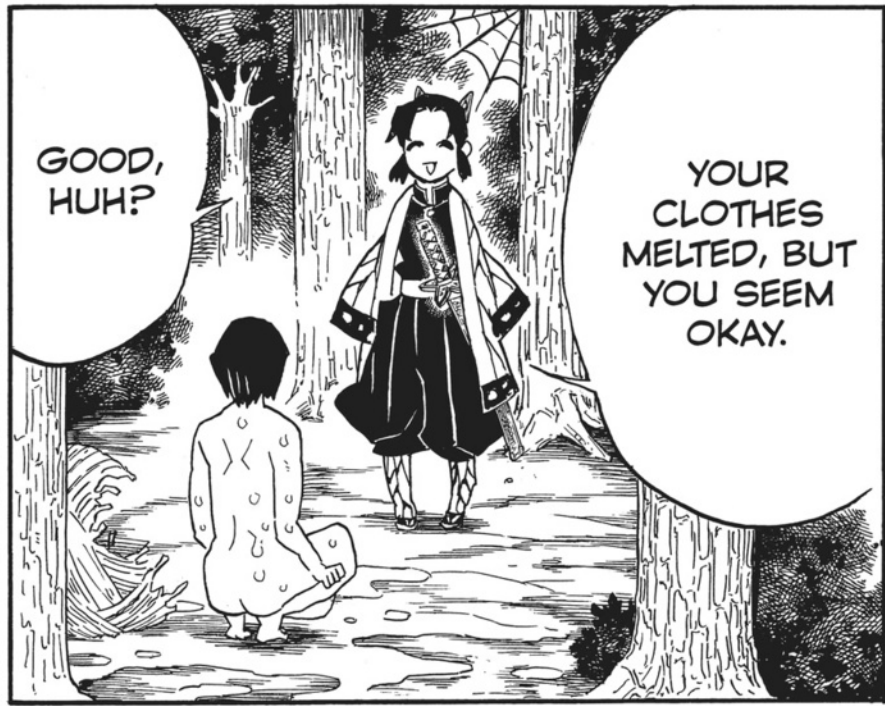
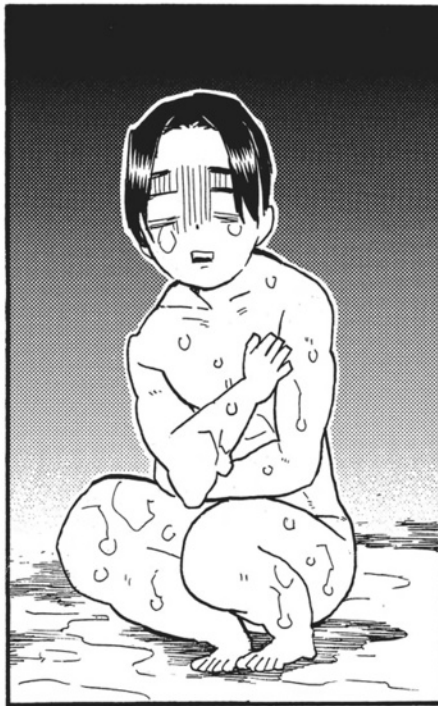




I'M REALLY INTO CHEMISTRY.

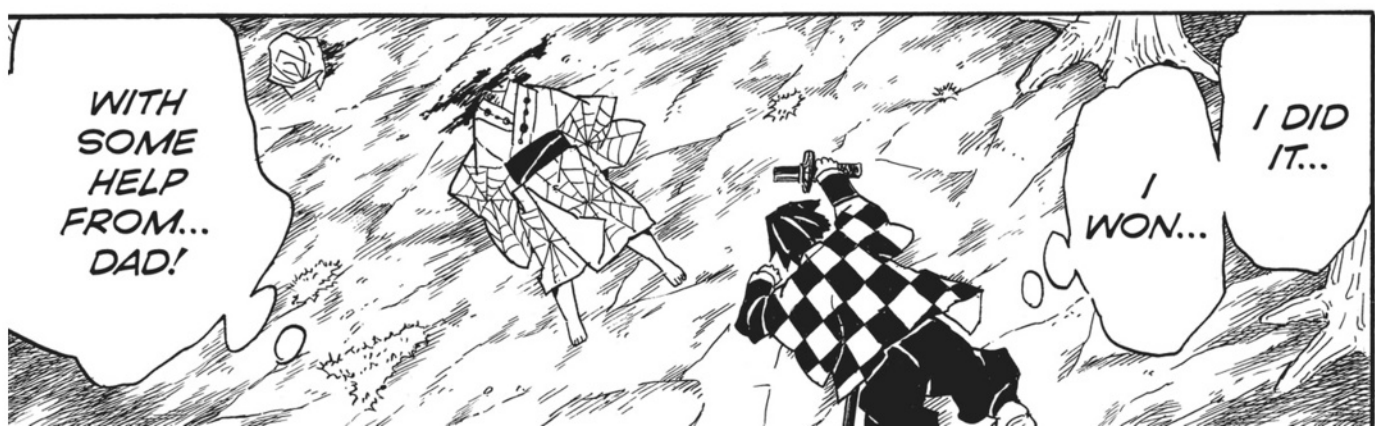
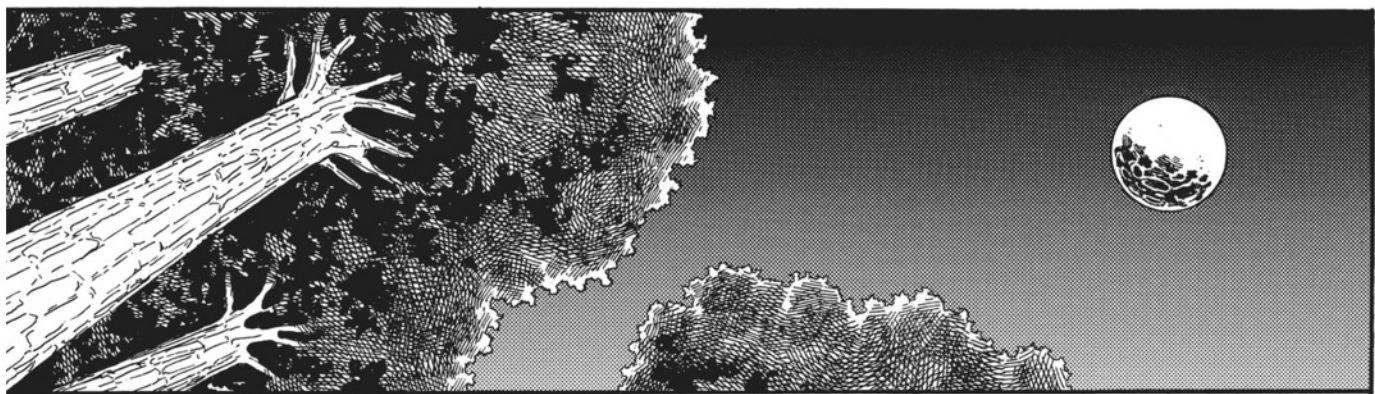
I KILLED HER WITH POISON MADE FROM WISTERIA BLOSSOMS.

DON'T WORRY, SHE'S ALREADY DEAD. HER BODY WILL ROT.



GOOD, HUH?

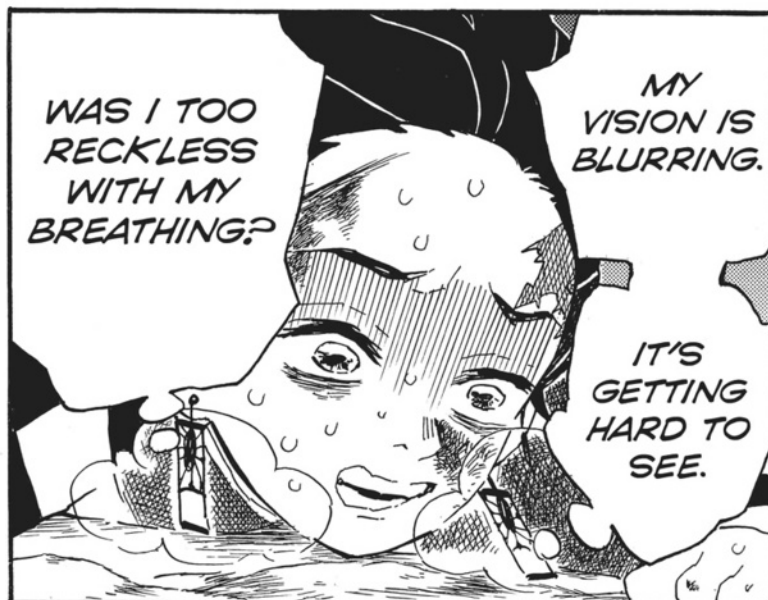
YOUR CLOTHES MELTED, BUT YOU SEEM OKAY.

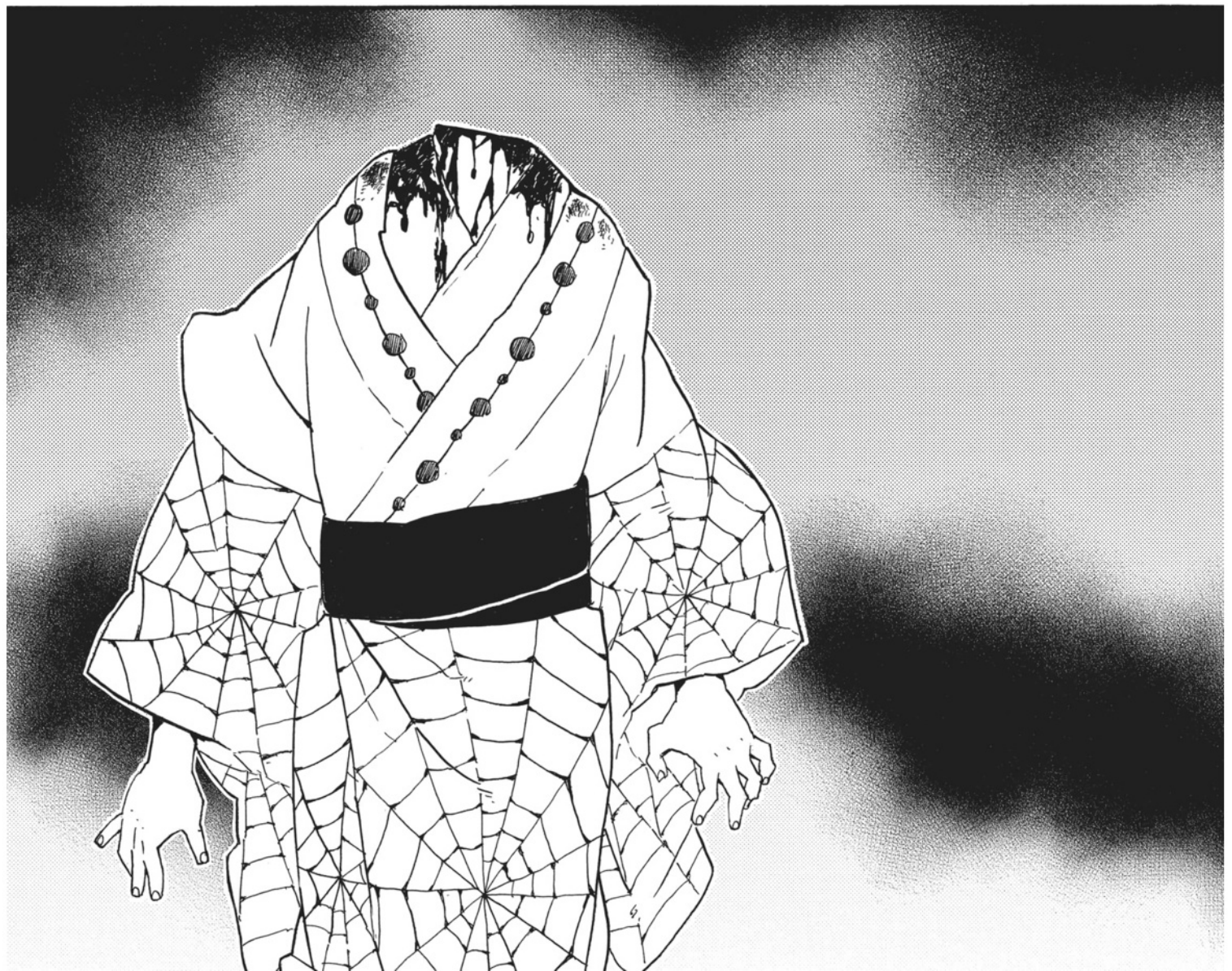


WITH SOME HELP FROM... DAD!

I WON...

I DID IT...

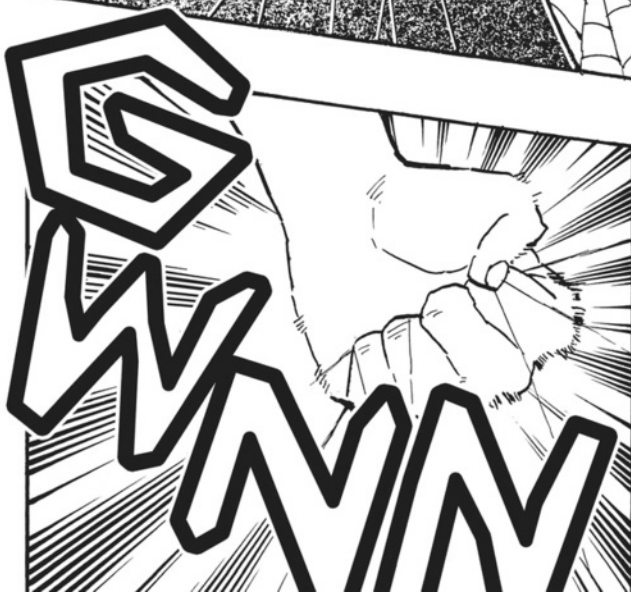






HE'S NOT
DEAD?
EVEN
THOUGH
I TOOK
HIS HEAD
OFF?!

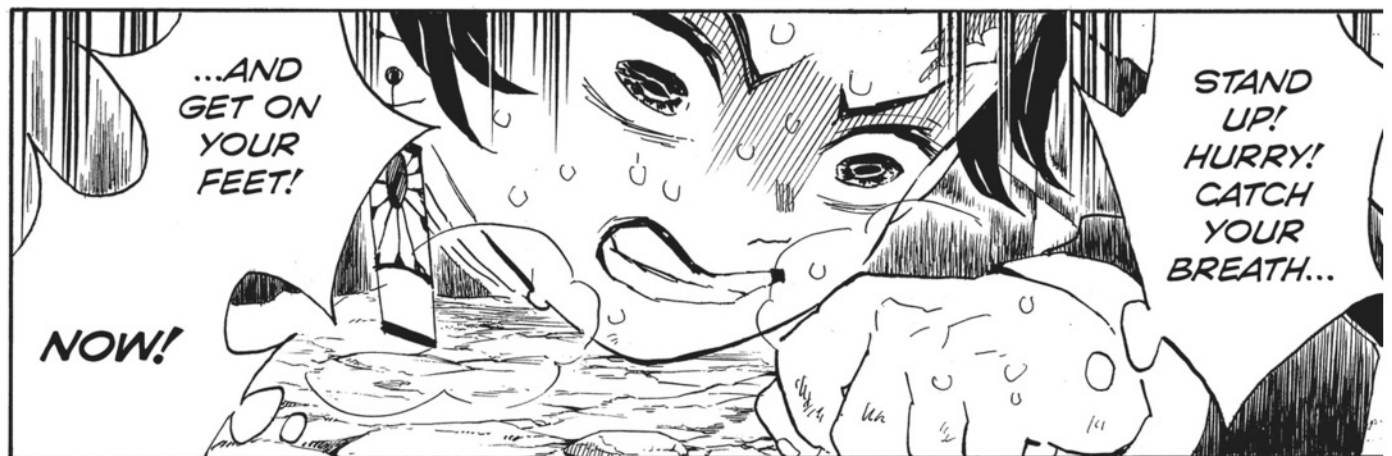
THE SMELL
OF BLOOD
IS GETTING
STRONGER.



...THAT
LINGERS
WHEN A
DEMON
DISAPPEARS.

I DON'T
SMELL THAT
ASH-LIKE
ODOR...







I DON'T
KNOW IF
THAT WAS
YOUR
SISTER'S
POWER
OR WHAT,
BUT I'M
THANKFUL.

SAY, HOW
COME YOU
DIDN'T GET
BURNED?
THE
FLAMES...

...ONLY
BURNED
ME AND MY
THREADS!



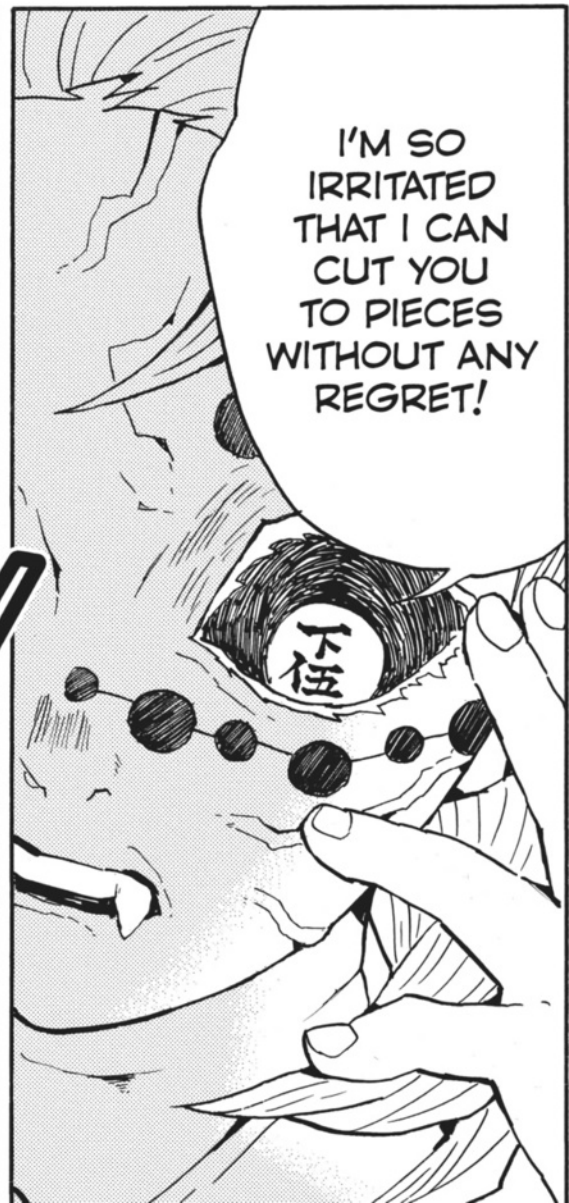
...IT WON'T
MATTER
HOW
EXHAUSTED
I AM!

IF I
BREATHE
CORRECT-
LY...



BREATHE
...

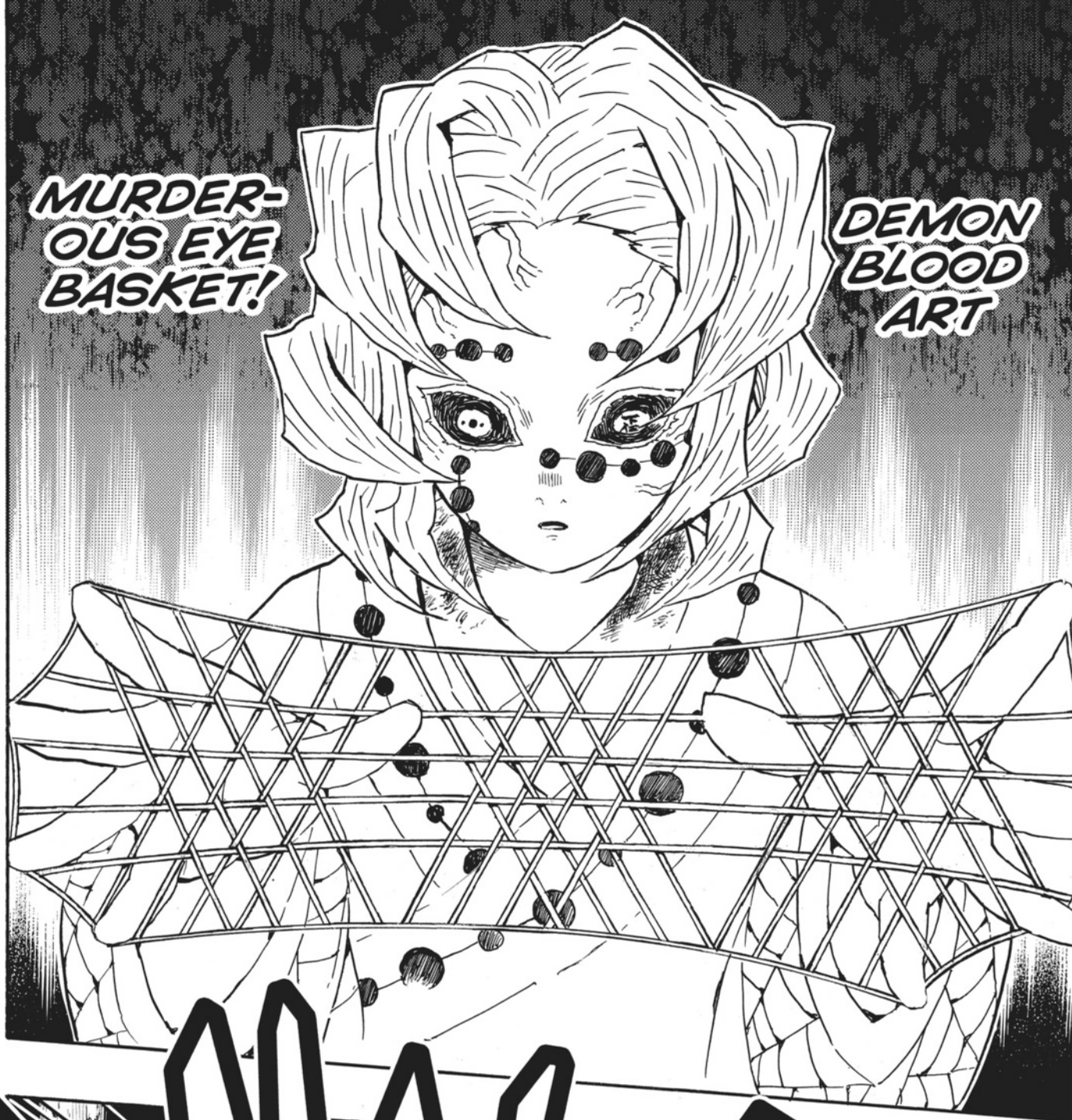
BREATHE
...

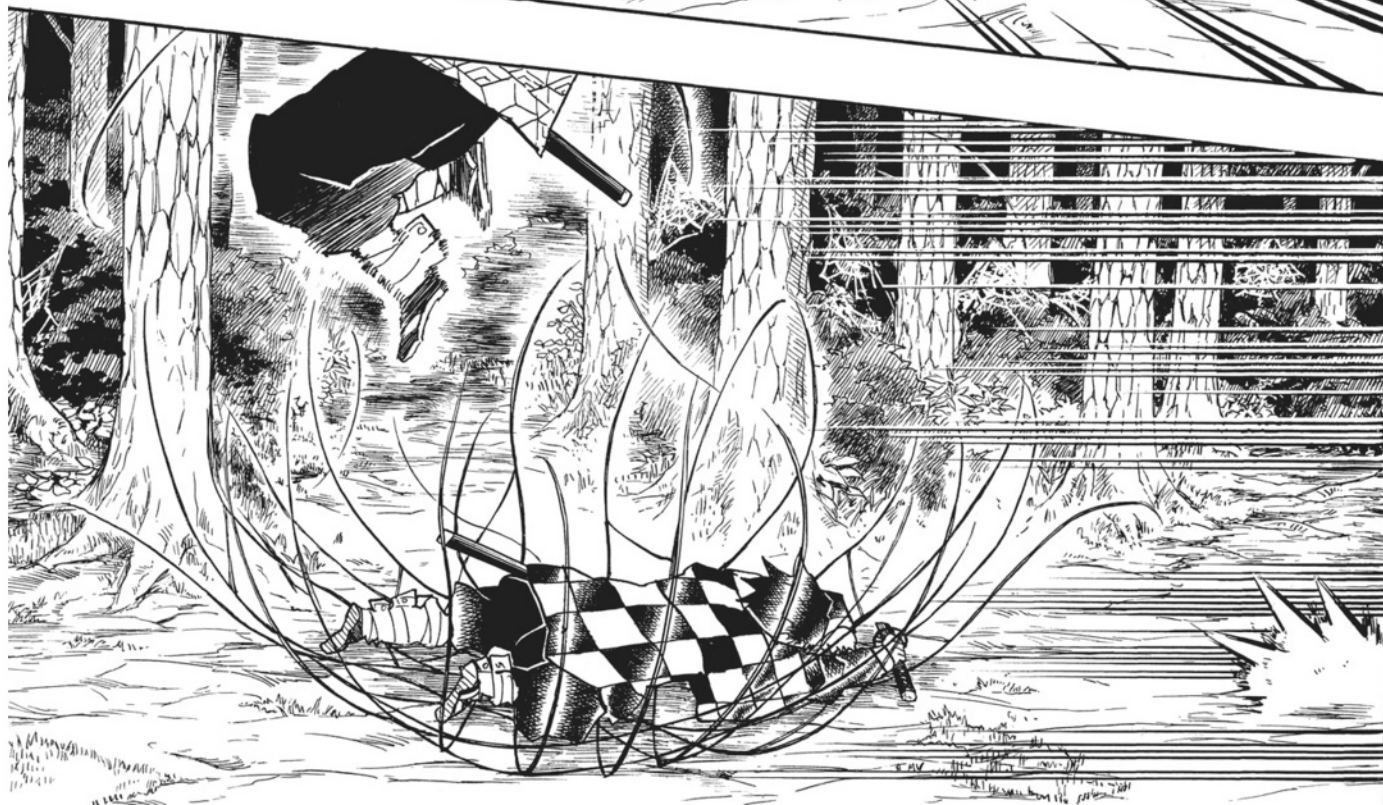


I'M SO
IRRITATED
THAT I CAN
CUT YOU
TO PIECES
WITHOUT ANY
REGRET!

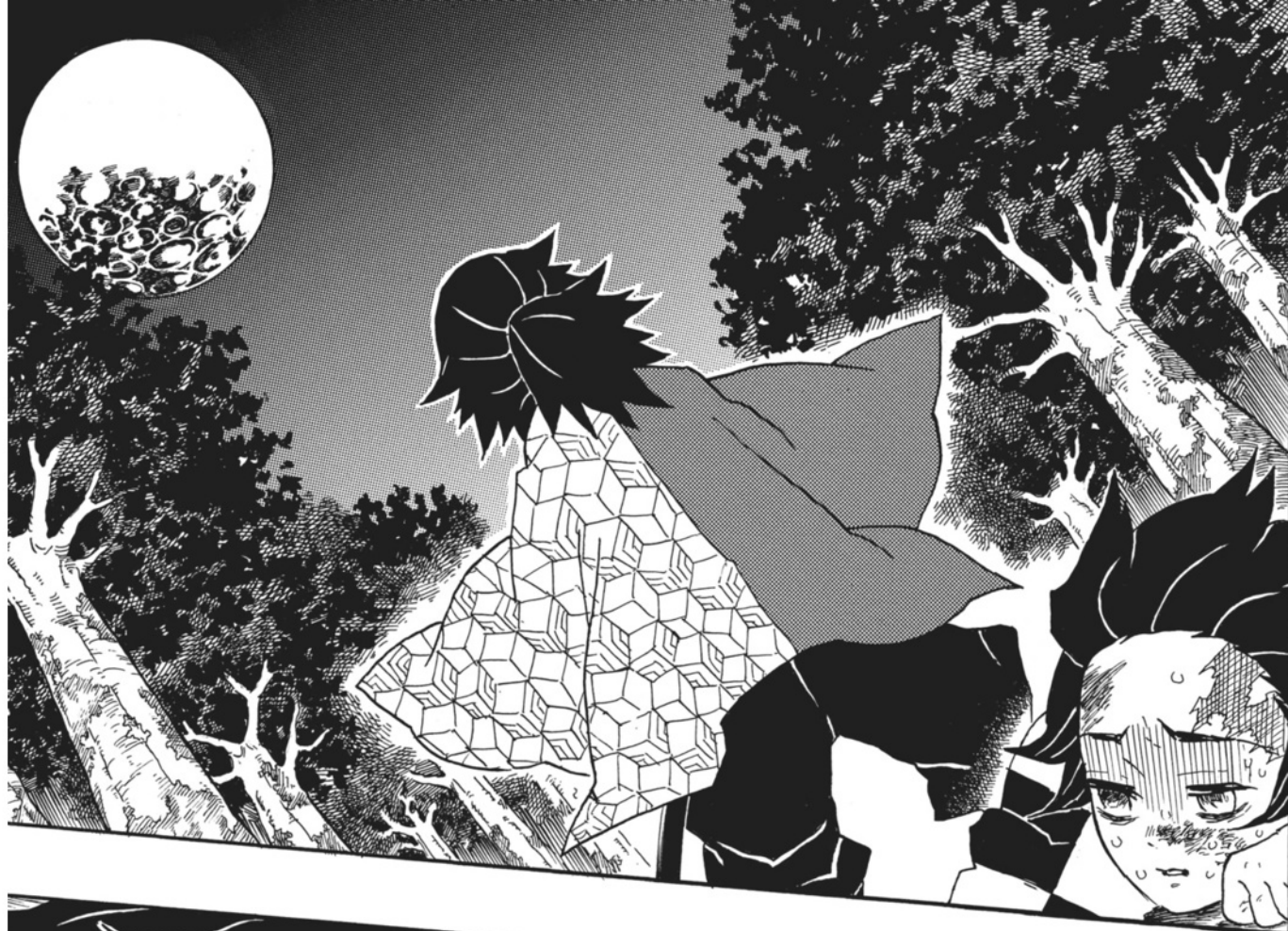
**MURDER-
OUS EYE
BASKET!**

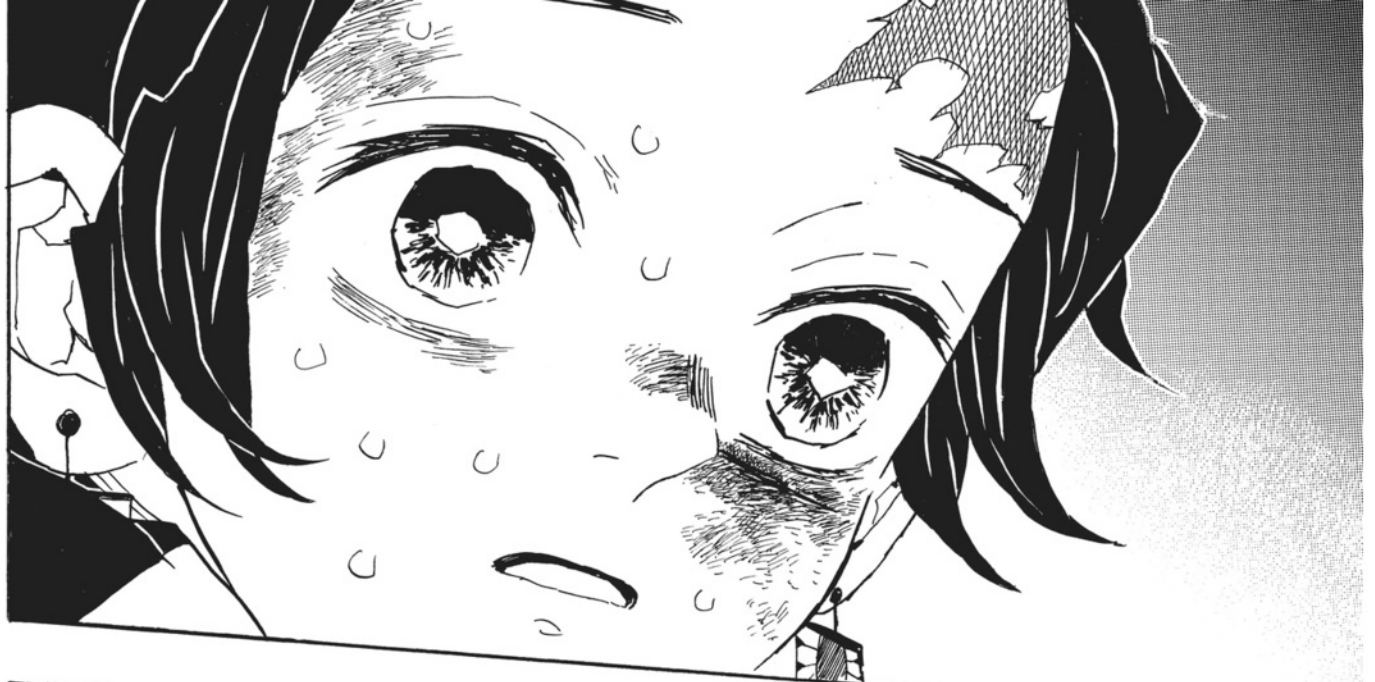
**DEMON
BLOOD
ART**











IT'S LIKE
THESE
SCUM EXIST
JUST TO
INTERFERE
WITH ME!



THERE'S
ANOTHER
ONE?!



BLOOD
DEMON
ART

KRIK









A
DEAD
CALM

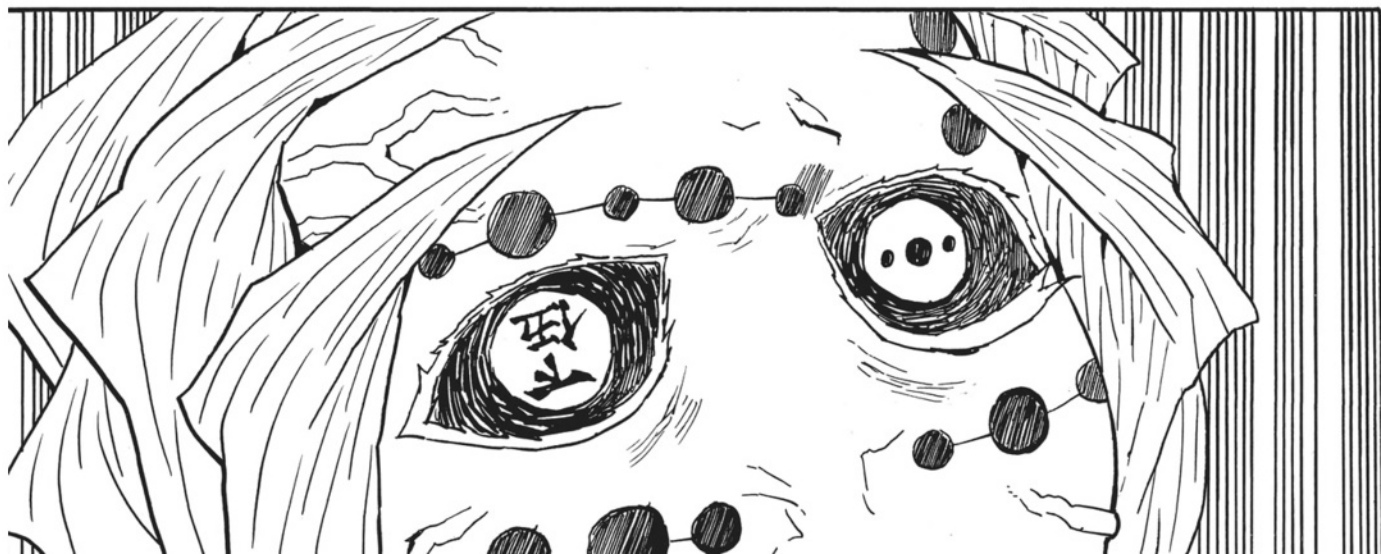
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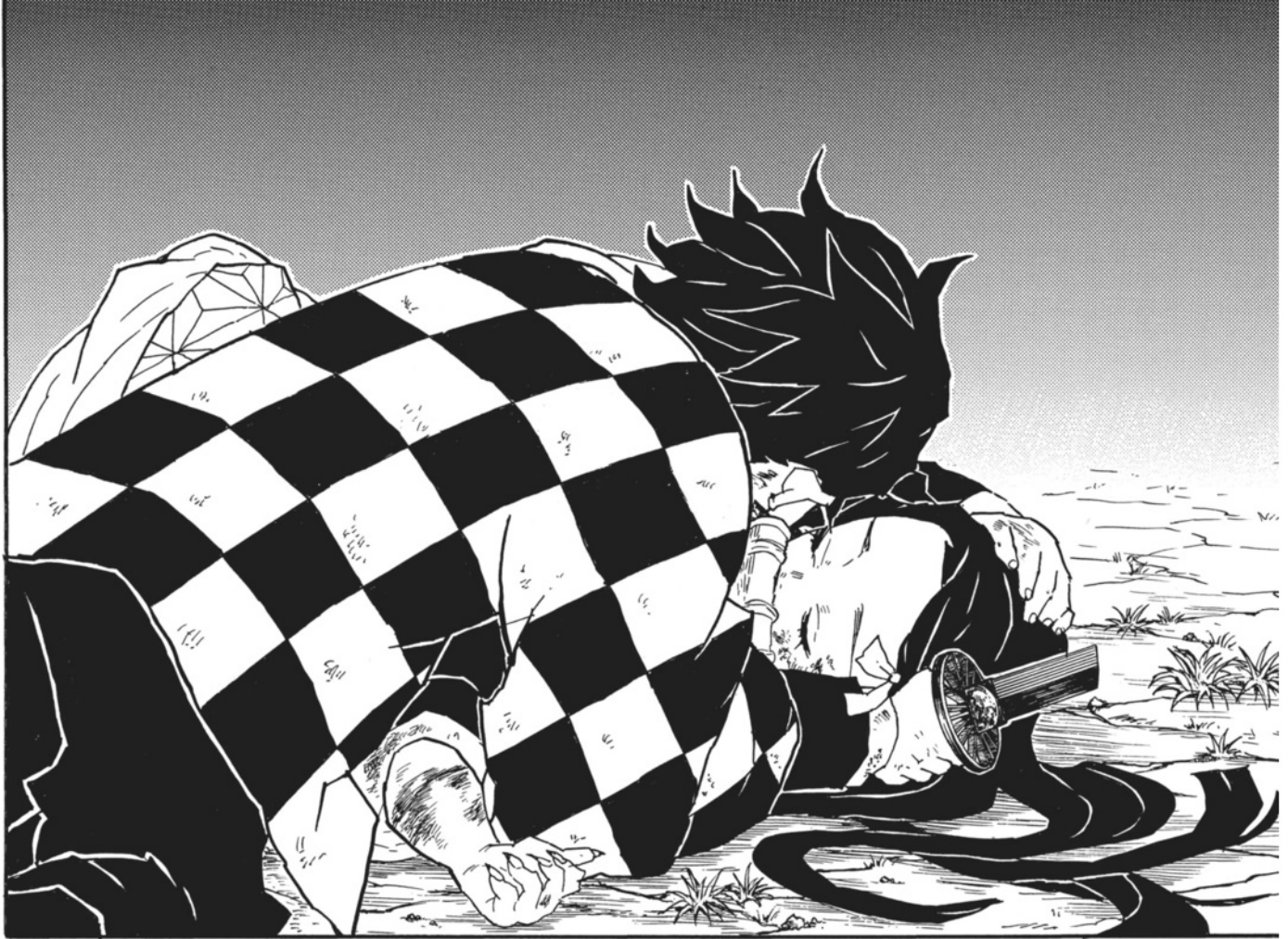
...IS A SEA
WITH NO
WIND AND
NO WAVES.
THE WATER'S
SURFACE
BECOMES
LIKE A
MIRROR.



GIYU
DEVELOPED
THE ELEVENTH
FORM
HIMSELF,
AND ONLY
HE COULD
DO THIS
TECHNIQUE.

UROKO-
DAKI'S
TECHNIQUES
GO UP TO
TEN.

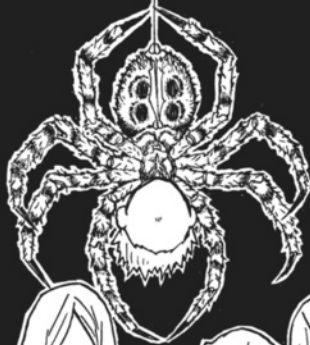




BECAUSE I
NO LONGER
HAD ANY
MEMORIES
FROM
WHEN I WAS
HUMAN.

I COULDN'T
ANSWER.

I THOUGHT
I WOULD
REMEMBER
WHAT I
WANTED.



I THOUGHT
MY
MEMORIES
WOULD
COME BACK
IF I FORMED
SOME REAL
FAMILY
BONDS.



THAT'S
RIGHT.

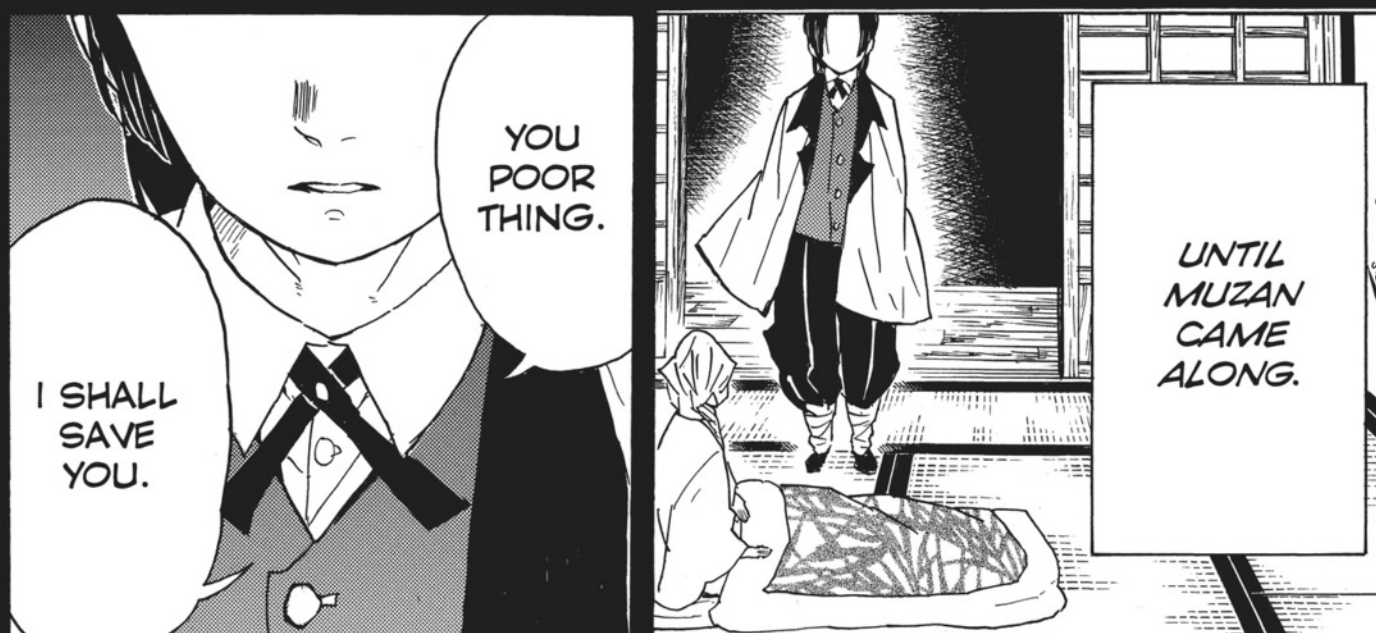


I...





CHAPTER 43: TO HELL





RUI!
WHAT
HAVE
YOU
DONE?

WHAT
HAVE
YOU
DONE?!



APPARENTLY, A
FATHER DIED
SAVING HIS
CHILD FROM
DROWNING IN
THE RIVER.



LONG
AGO...

...I HEARD
AN
INCREDIBLE
STORY.

DYING SO
THAT YOUR
CHILD
COULD LIVE
WAS TRULY
FULFILLING
A PARENT'S
ROLE.



...PARENTAL
LOVE. I WAS
DEEPLY
MOVED.

SUCH
AMAZ-
ING...



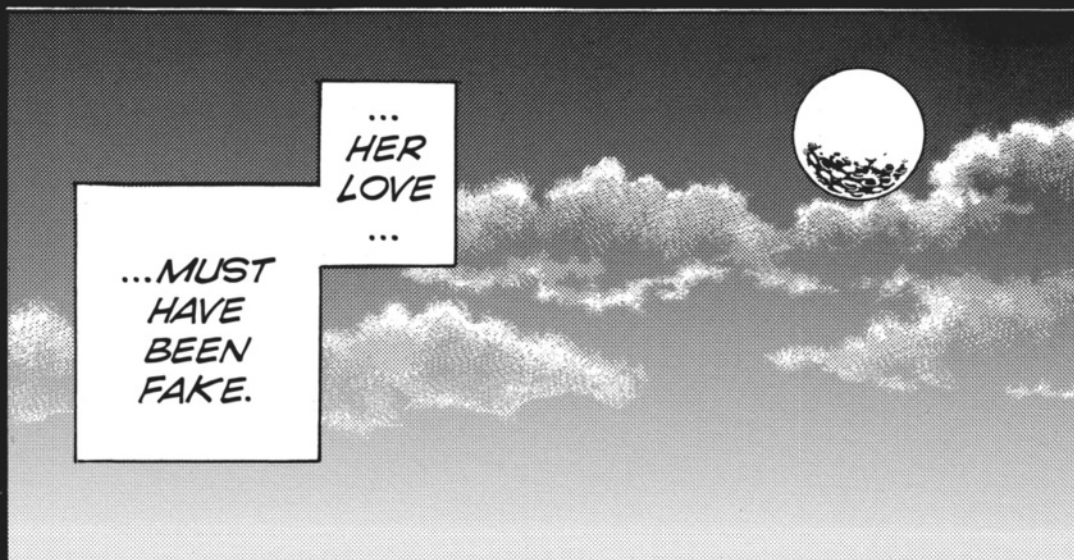
SO WHY
DID MY
PARENTS
TRY TO
KILL ME?



...TO
SHIELD ME
FROM MY
FATHER'S
ATTEMPTS
TO KILL
ME.



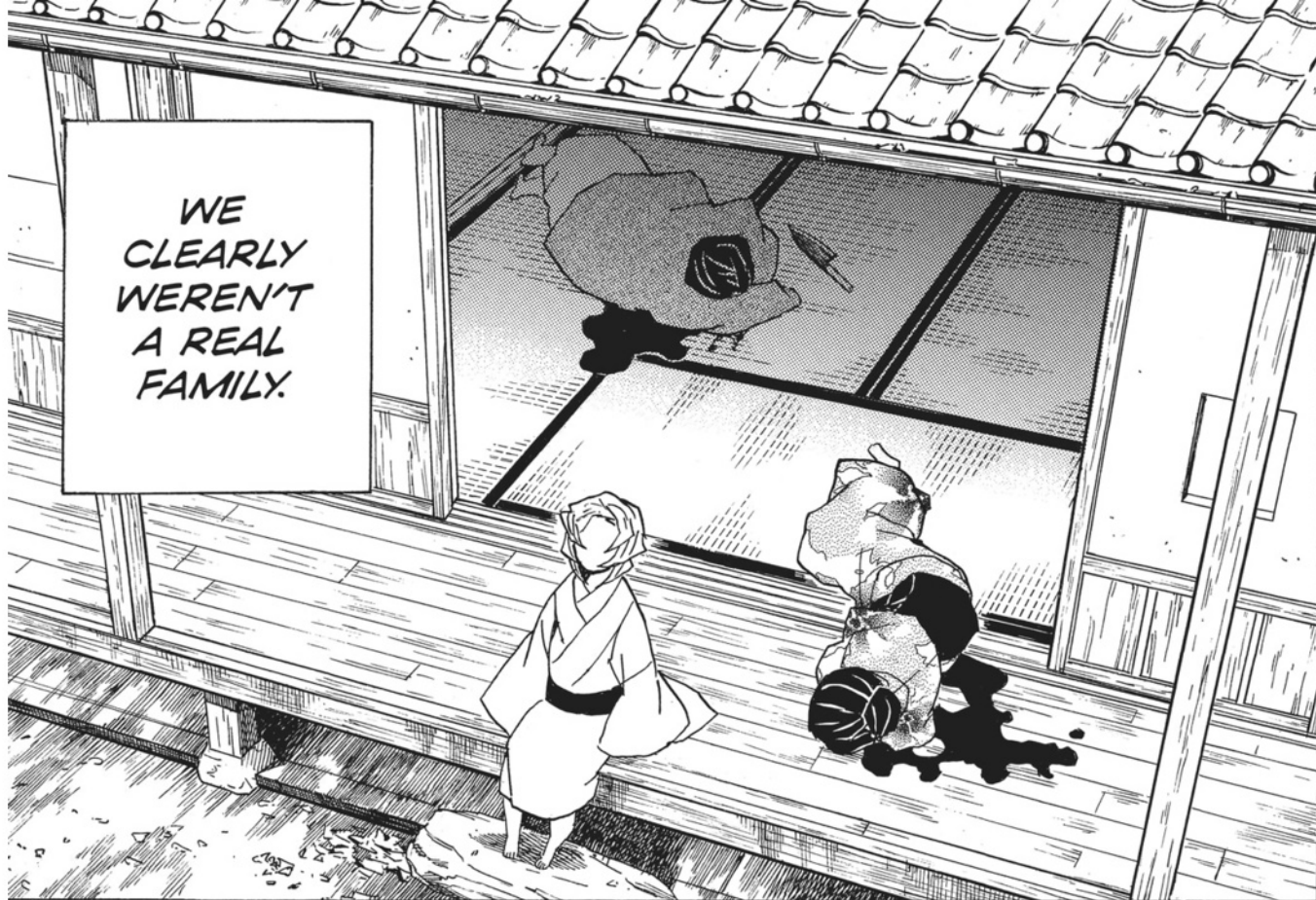
MY
MOTHER
ONLY
WEPT.
SHE
DIDN'T
TRY...



...MUST
HAVE
BEEN
FAKE.

...
HER
LOVE
...

WHAT
SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
STRONG
FAMILY
BONDS...



WE
CLEARLY
WEREN'T
A REAL
FAMILY.



WHAT'S
THAT
SHE'S
SAYING
?

IS SHE
STILL
ALIVE?

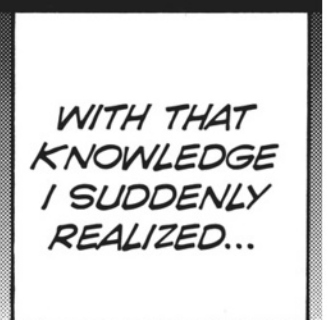
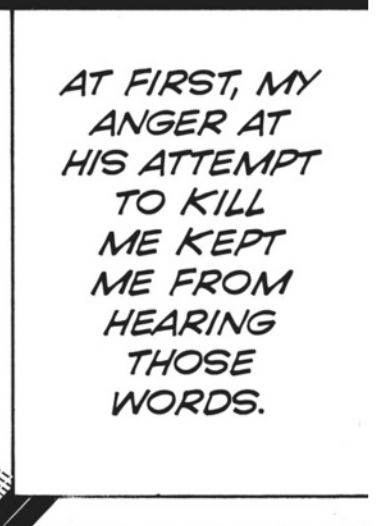
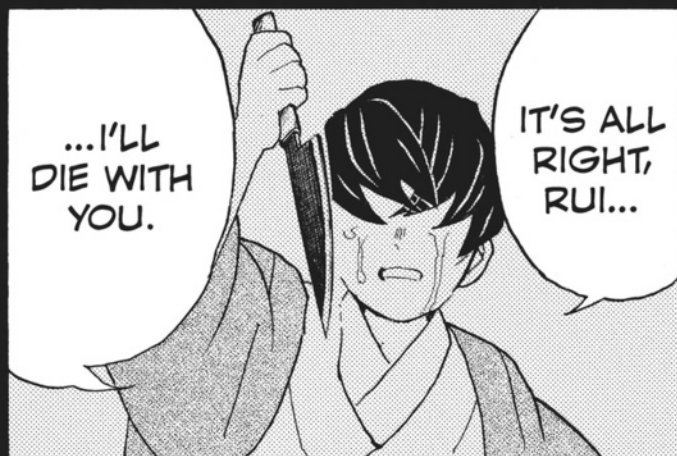
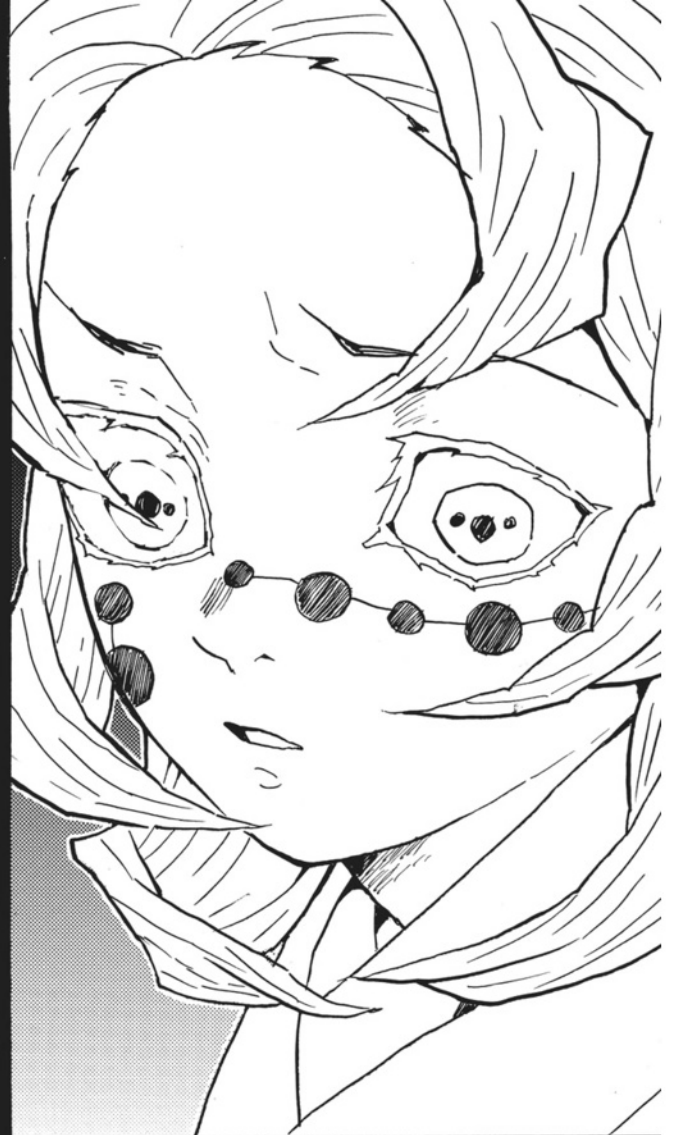
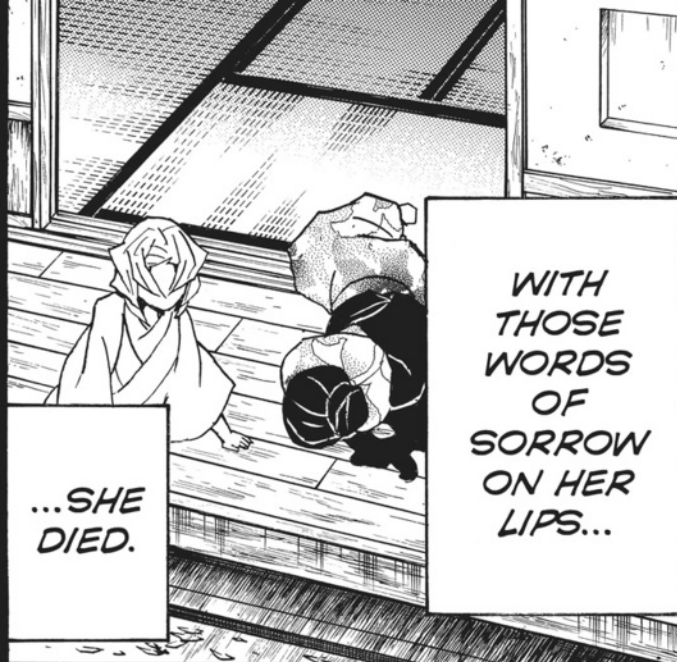


...



...GIVE
YOU A
STRONG
BODY
TOO.

I'M SORRY
THAT
ALTHOUGH
I GAVE
YOU LIFE, I
COULDN'T...



...WERE
STRONG
AND TRUE...
UNTIL I CUT
THEM WITH
MY OWN
HANDS.

...THAT
THE
BONDS
WE
SHARED
...

ALL
THIS...

...WAS
YOUR
PARENTS'
FAULT
FOR NOT
ACCEPTING
WHAT
YOU'VE
BECOME.

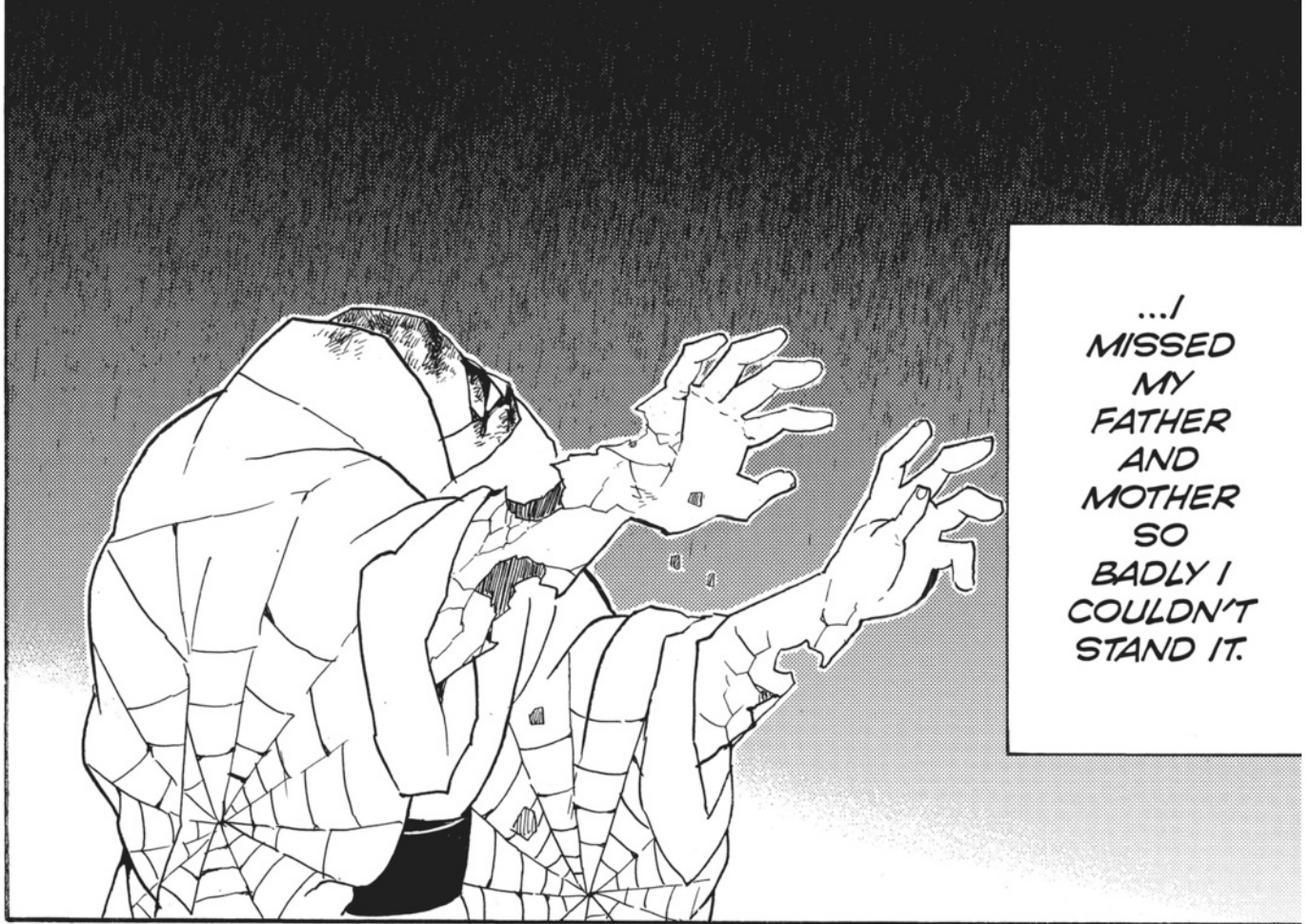
BE
PROUD
OF YOUR
STRENGTH.

MUZAN
TRIED TO
CHEER ME
UP.

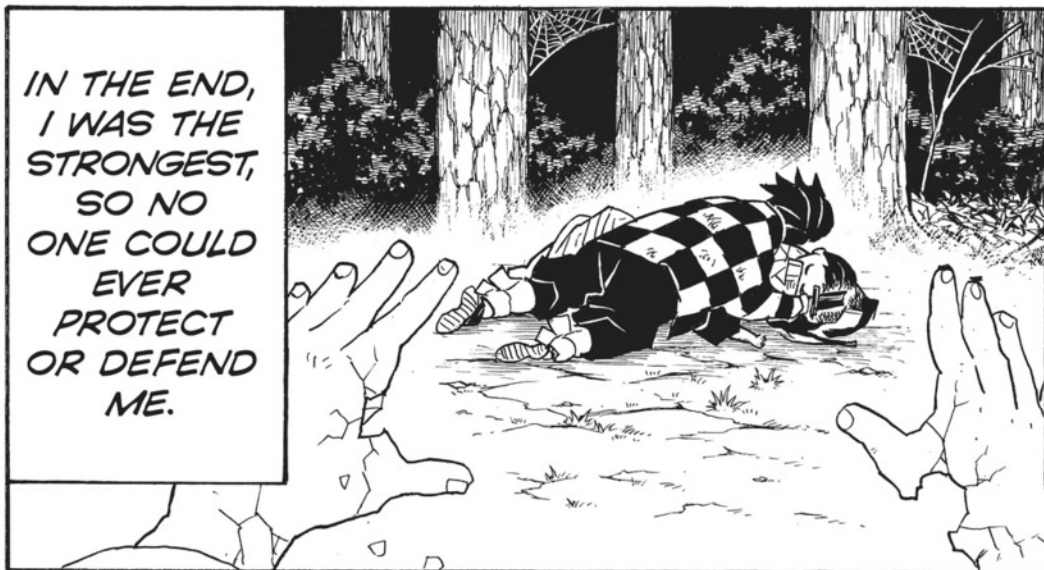
EVEN
THOUGH
I TOLD
MYSELF
THAT MY
PARENTS
WERE TO
BLAME...

OTHER-
WISE, I
COULDN'T
LIVE WITH
WHAT I'D
DONE.

I HAD NO
CHOICE
BUT TO
BELIEVE
THAT.



...I
MISSED
MY
FATHER
AND
MOTHER
SO
BADLY I
COULDN'T
STAND IT.

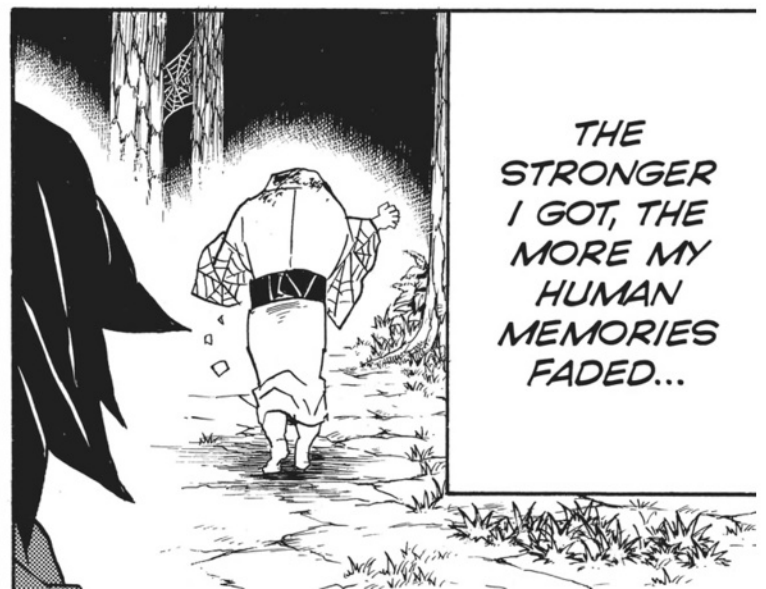


IN THE END,
I WAS THE
STRONGEST,
SO NO
ONE COULD
EVER
PROTECT
OR DEFEND
ME.

EVEN
CREATING A
FAKE FAMILY
DIDN'T
STOP THE
EMPTINESS.



...AND THE
LESS I
UNDER-
STOOD
WHAT I
TRULY
WANTED.



THE
STRONGER
I GOT, THE
MORE MY
HUMAN
MEMORIES
FADED...

WHOO

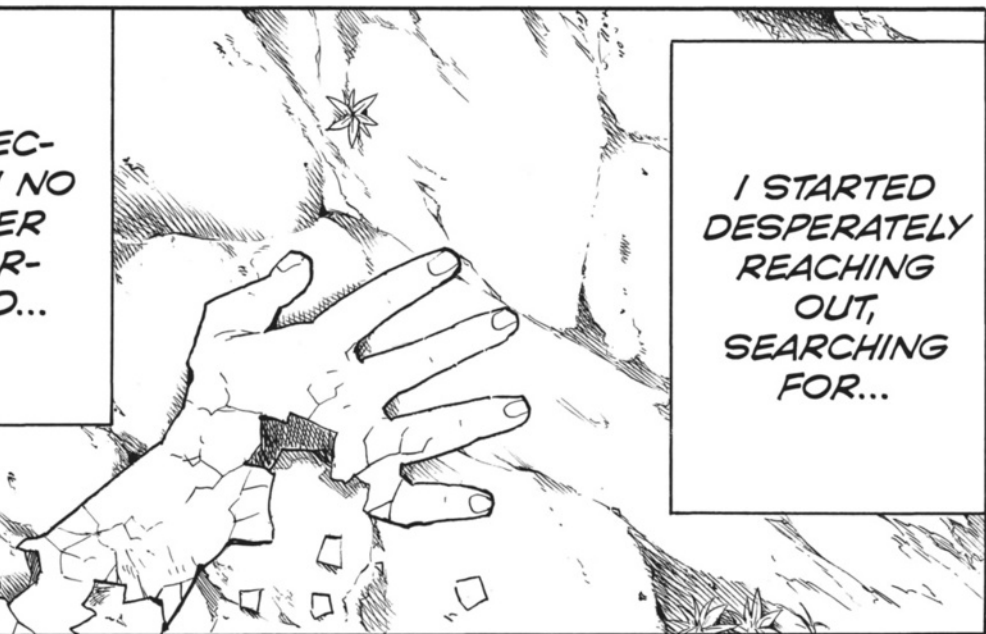
WHAT DID
I WANT
TO DO?



...
CONNEC-
TIONS I NO
LONGER
UNDER-
STOOD...

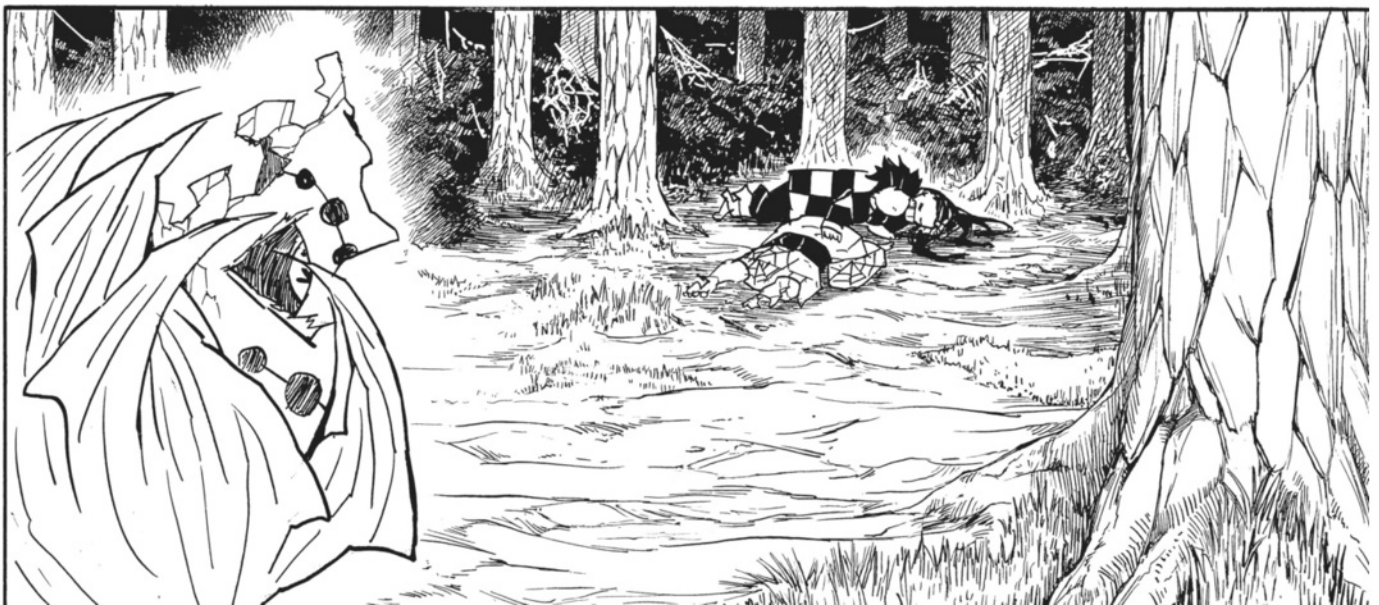
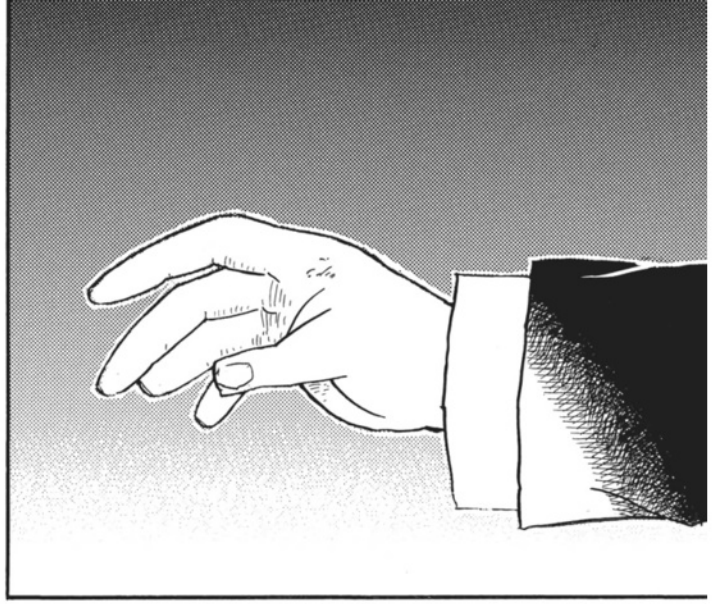
...AND
NEVER
COULD
RE-
CREATE.

I STARTED
DESPERATELY
REACHING
OUT,
SEARCHING
FOR...



THAT SMALL
BODY
SMELLS OF
SADNESS SO
GREAT IT'S
UNBEARABLE.

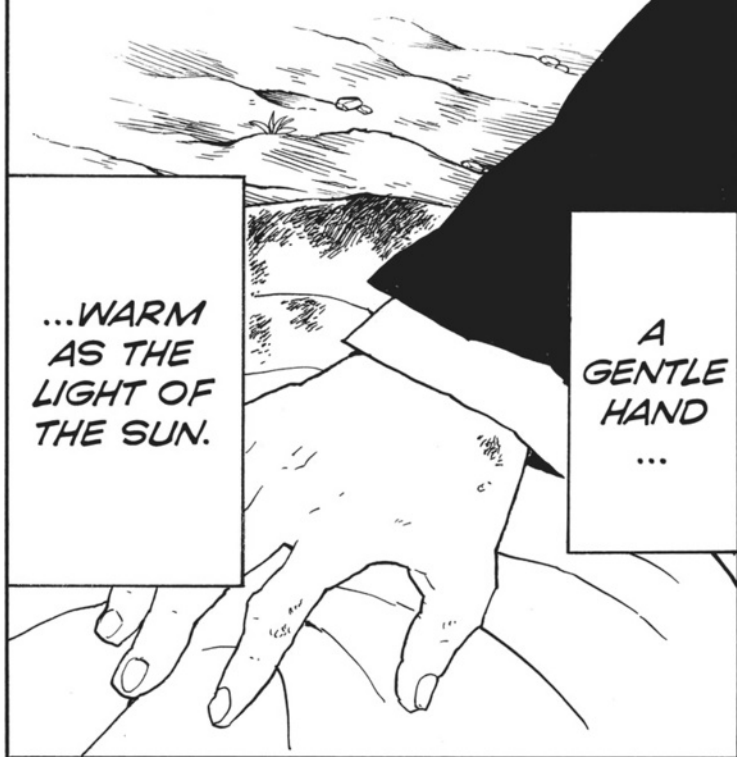






NOW
THAT
I CAN
REMEM-
BER...

I...



...WARM
AS THE
LIGHT OF
THE SUN.

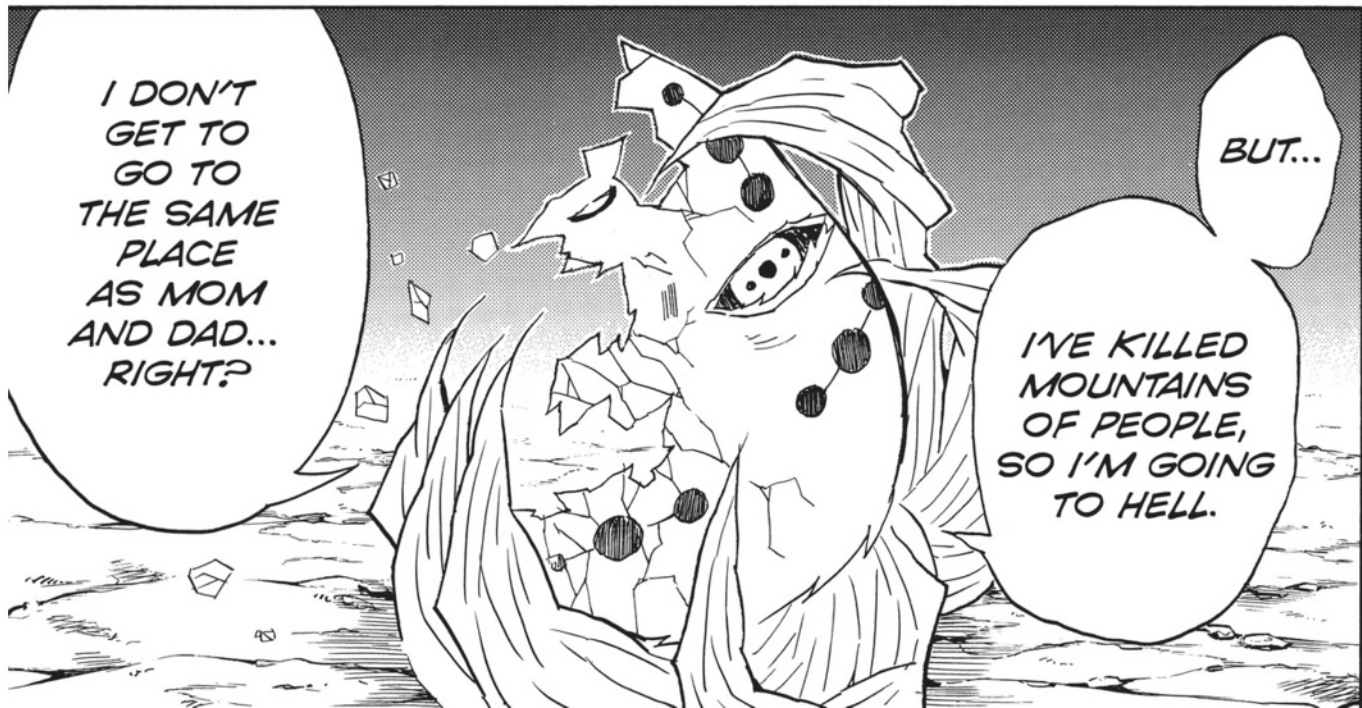
A
GENTLE
HAND
...



I'M
SORRY.
THIS
WAS MY
FAULT...
ALL MY
FAULT.

...
WISH I
COULD
APOLO-
GIZE.

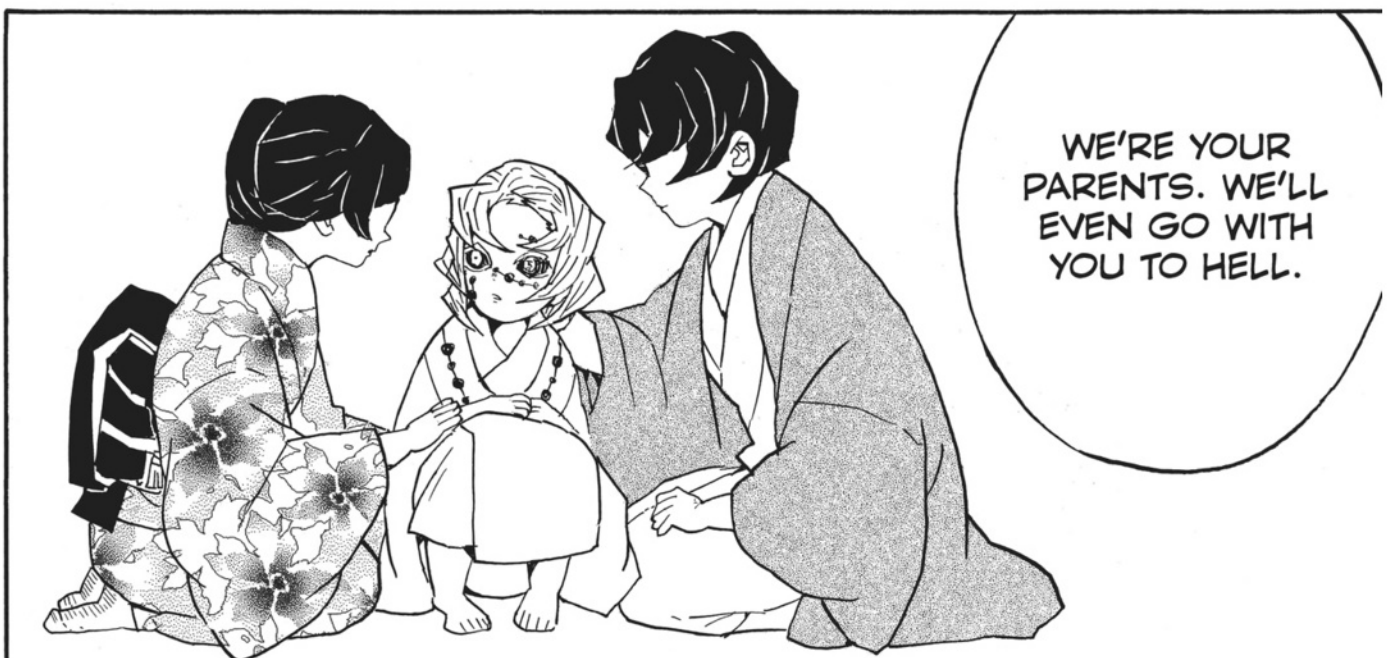
PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME.

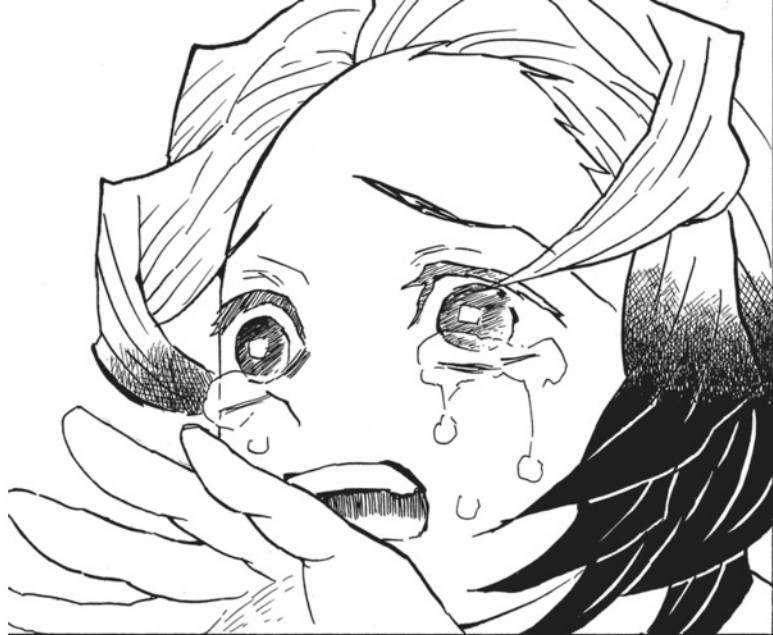


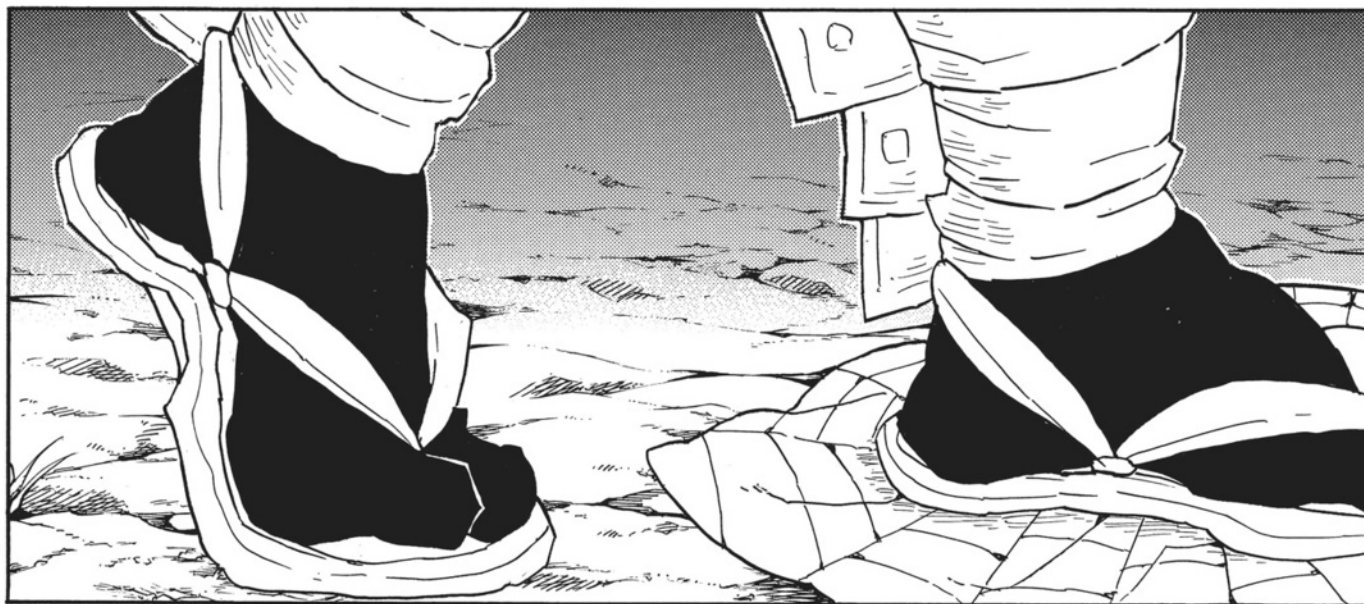
I DON'T
GET TO
GO TO
THE SAME
PLACE
AS MOM
AND DAD...
RIGHT?

BUT...

I'VE KILLED
MOUNTAINS
OF PEOPLE,
SO I'M GOING
TO HELL.







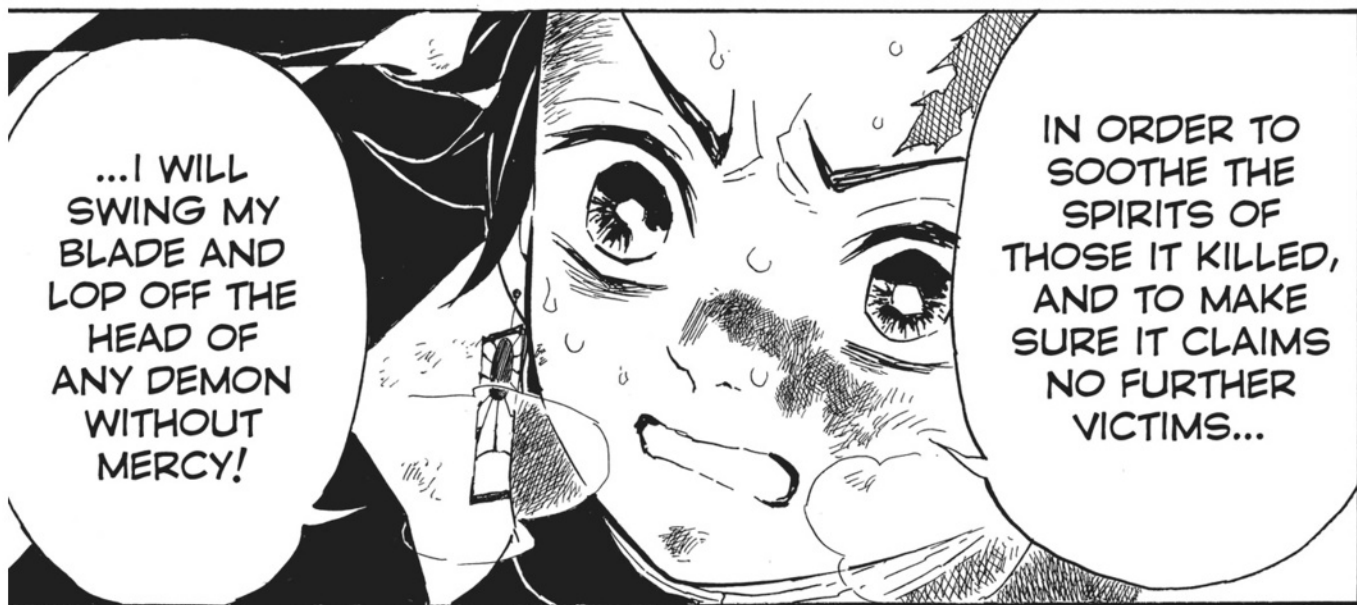


IT WAS A
HORRIBLE
MONSTER
THAT
LIVED FOR
HUNDREDS
OF YEARS.



EVEN IF
IT LOOKS
LIKE A
CHILD.

DON'T
WASTE
PITY ON
A DEMON
THAT ATE
DOZENS OF
PEOPLE.



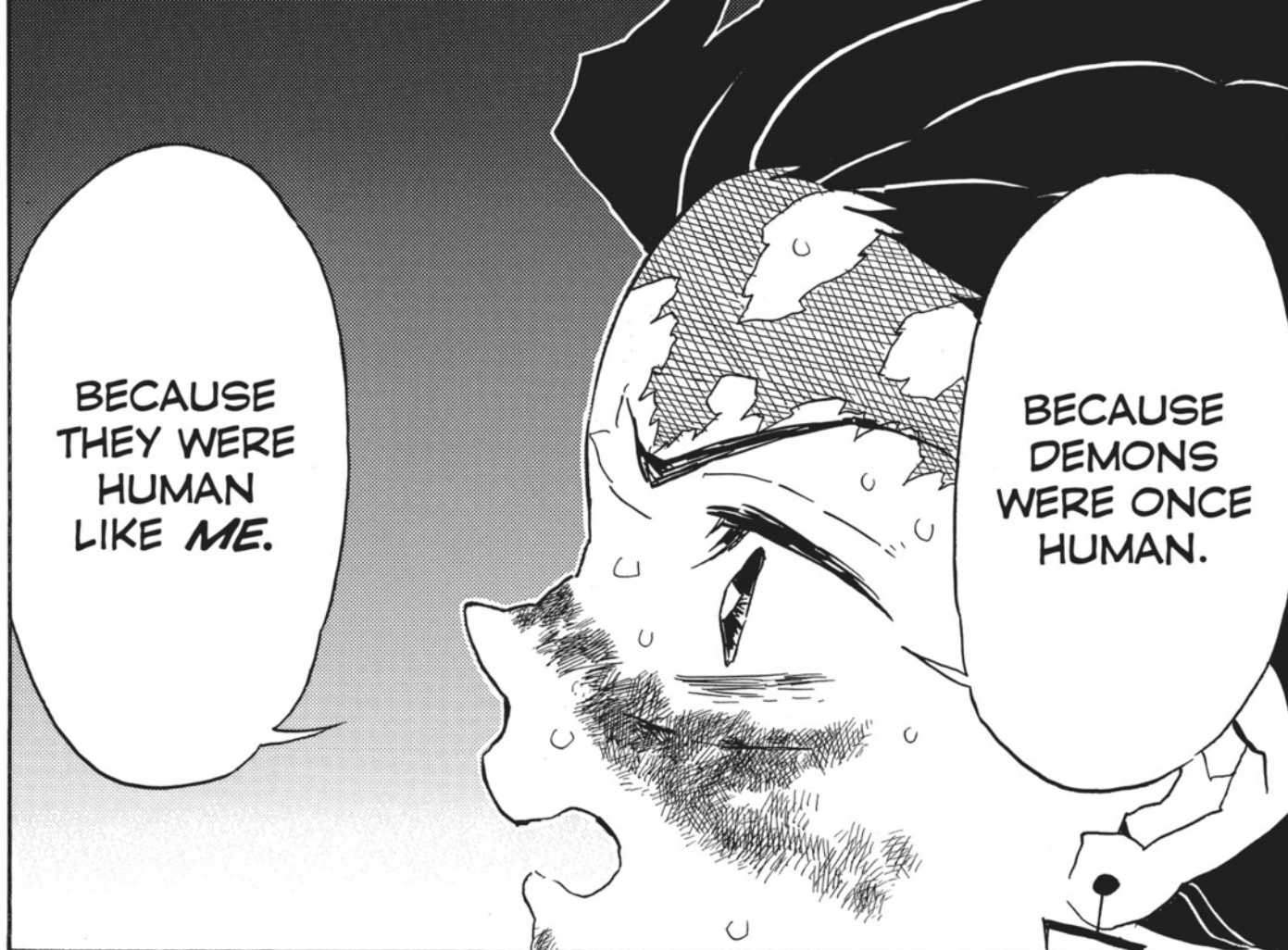
...I WILL
SWING MY
BLADE AND
LOP OFF THE
HEAD OF
ANY DEMON
WITHOUT
MERCY!

IN ORDER TO
SOOTHE THE
SPIRITS OF
THOSE IT KILLED,
AND TO MAKE
SURE IT CLAIMS
NO FURTHER
VICTIMS...



...AND
SUFFER OVER
THE THINGS
THEY DID AS
DEMONS.

BUT I
WILL NOT
BELITTLE
THOSE WHO
REGRET
THEIR
ACTIONS...



BECAUSE
THEY WERE
HUMAN
LIKE *ME*.

BECAUSE
DEMONS
WERE ONCE
HUMAN.

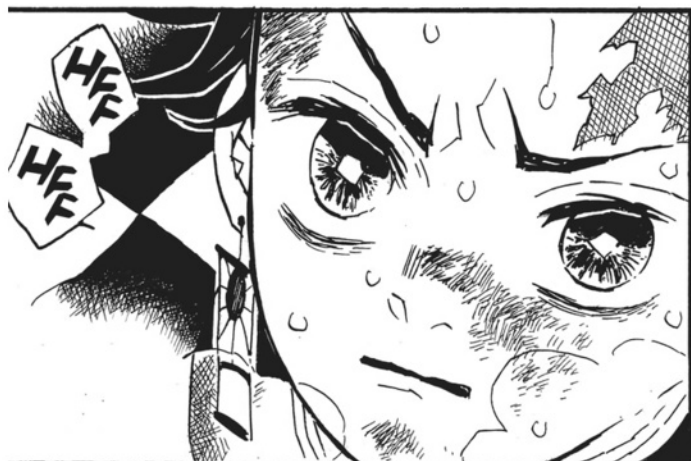


*MOVE
YOUR
FOOT.*



THEY ARE
PITIFUL
CREATURES,
ONCE LIVING
AND NOW
EMPTY
SHELLS.

THEY
AREN'T
UGLY,
WORTH-
LESS
MONSTERS.







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(THE END)

Words of Gratitude

Greetings! Gotouge here! I managed to get volume 5 out! Lots of people helped me and cheered me on, so I'm deeply thankful. Thanks for the letters, snacks, and handmade stuffed animals you've sent me. I'm sorry I can't reply individually. The best way to thank you is to work as hard as I can on the manga, so I hope you'll forgive me. Please stick with me! Oh! Also, I apologize for there not being many bonus pages this volume.



High School,
Year 2

Ozaki

Class Chairman

Tennis

Murata

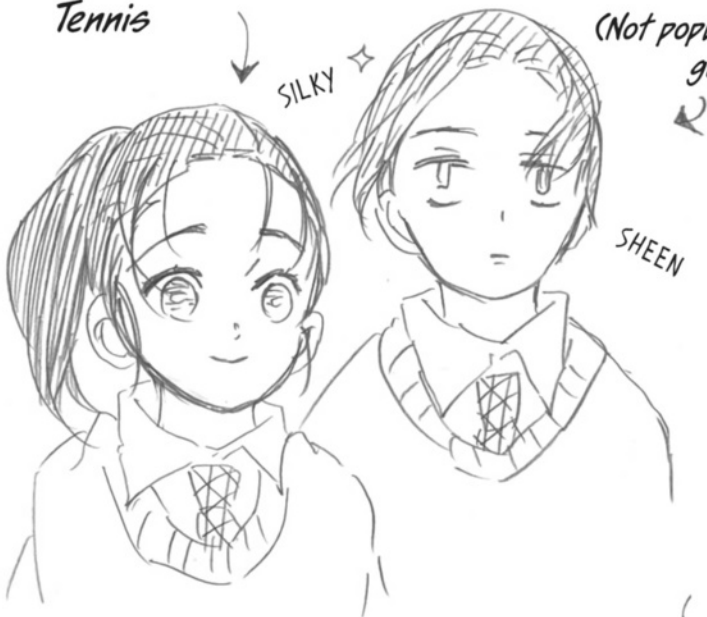
Vice Chairman

Junior High and High School!!

Kimetsu Academy Story

High School, Music
Teacher

Mostly conducts class with a
tsuzumi drum. He always makes
them do music from noh and
kabuki dramas, so his students
become unable to sing modern
songs properly.



High School, Year 3

Susamaru. Leader of
the ballet troupe. Susa
is her family name
and her first name is
Maru.



High School, Year 3

Yahaba. Captain of the
archery club. Son of a
tofu maker.